

Sir Edmund Hillary Medal



THE UNIVERSITY OF
WAIKATO
Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato

REGULATIONS FOR THE SIR EDMUND HILLARY MEDAL

BACKGROUND

The award of the Sir Edmund Hillary Medal was established in 2006, to recognize the most significant contribution to excellence among graduates of the Sir Edmund Hillary Programme.

PURPOSE

1. Up to two Sir Edmund Hillary Medals will be offered on an annual basis to students currently on the Sir Edmund Hillary Programme, who will be completing their degree in the year of application.
2. To be eligible for consideration for the Award, applicants must demonstrate:
 - (a) outstanding academic achievement
 - (b) a very high level of performance in either
 - (i) a sporting code, or
 - (ii) a performing or creative art
 - (c) exceptional leadership.
3. Scholars may only receive the Sir Edmund Hillary Medal once.

APPLICATIONS

4. Applications for the Award must be received by the University of Waikato Scholarships Office on the prescribed form by 30 November in each year.
5. Up to two medals will be awarded annually by the University of Waikato. They will be awarded in the following areas:
 - (a) One medal will normally be awarded to a graduating student deemed to have performed at the highest level whose special skill area has been in a creative or performing arts discipline
 - (b) One medal will normally be awarded to a graduating student deemed to have performed at the highest level whose special skill area has been a sport
6. Applicants should include with their application:
 - (a) A personal statement (as detailed in point 6 below)
 - (b) A curriculum vitae
 - (c) A reference from a person involved with an agency relevant to the applicant's sporting code or creative / performing art, attesting to the applicant's achievements and potential to further excel.
 - (d) A reference attesting to the applicants leadership qualities.
7. The personal statement submitted for this Award should cover the applicant's reasons for believing that they would make a suitable candidate for a Sir Edmund Hillary Medal. It should also highlight information relating to special contributions, demonstration of leadership, publications, and special milestones, and may include an insight into the candidate's longer-term aspirations. It may also include particular circumstances that might have impacted on the performance of the candidate at any time.

Sir Edmund Hillary Medal



THE UNIVERSITY OF
WAIKATO
Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato

AWARDING

8. The Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarships Executive Group will decide on the recipients of the Sir Edmund Hillary Medal.
9. The Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarships Executive Group will consider the applications and may contact referees on a confidential basis for further relevant information.
10. The Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarships Executive Group may consult with representatives of relevant sporting or creative agencies to assess the standing of any achievements listed in the applicant's portfolio.
11. The Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarships Executive Group may, at its discretion, require the applicant to undertake an interview or audition.
12. The Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarships Executive Group will determine the Awards and report to the Scholarships Committee.
13. The decision of the Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarships Executive Group is final.
14. The Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarships Executive Group reserves the right to award fewer Sir Edmund Hillary Medals than the maximum available in any year.
15. Successful applicants will be advised of the offer of an Award in writing and must advise the University's Scholarships Office of their acceptance of the offer by the prescribed date.
16. The award of the Sir Edmund Hillary Medal will consist of:
 - (a) A medal
 - (b) A \$1,500 cash award.
17. The Sir Edmund Hillary Medal may be held in conjunction with any other awards offered by the University of Waikato.