

Tertiary Achievement in Pacific Ako (TAPA) Awards



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TERTIARY ACHIEVEMENT IN PACIFIC AKO (TAPA) AWARDS 2012

BACKGROUND

The TAPA Awards have been established to encourage Pacific students to pursue tertiary studies at the University of Waikato.

These Awards have been made possible by the Equity Grant administered by the Tertiary Education Commission, with the aim of supporting the achievement and participation of Pacific students in tertiary education.

REGULATIONS

1. The scholarships shall be known as the Tertiary Achievement in Pacific Ako (or TAPA) Awards.
2. The Awards are available for domestic-status Pacific students who are, or will be, enrolled part- or full-time in studies at undergraduate (including first-year), graduate, or postgraduate (including doctoral) level.
3. While students who complete their studies in 2011 are welcome to apply, preference may be given to applicants who will be (re-)enrolling for 2012.
4. Preference may also be given to applicants from areas of study where Pacific students are underrepresented.
5. The Selection Panel will select successful students on the basis of academic merit, personal character, as well as cultural and community involvement (both on- and off-campus), especially that with a Pacific focus. Cultural/community references from outside the University are likely to carry more weight.
6. Applications should include a typed one-page statement commenting on the following:
 - (a) The candidate's academic achievements
 - (b) The candidate's cultural and community involvement (both on- an off-campus), especially that with a Pacific focus
7. The Selection Panel will comprise at least three members of the Scholarships Committee and two representatives from the University of Waikato Pacific Committee, or their nominees.
8. Successful applicants who have received funding from other Equity Grant scholarships may be limited to an overall total of funding from any/all Equity Grant funded scholarships.
9. Awards will be paid to recipients in a single lump sum, in the year of tenure.
10. The Awards are intended to support the recipients in the costs associated with their study, i.e. study materials, living costs, conferences, workshops, etc. The Awards may not be used for the payment of enrolment fees at the University of Waikato.
11. Successful applicants may be required to attend a ceremony in A Semester 2012 to recognise the recipients of the Award.
12. The due date for applications is **29 January 2012**.

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APPLICATION FORM 2012

This application must be submitted to: The Scholarships Office
The University of Waikato
Private Bag 3105
HAMILTON 3240

Applications close at 5.00 pm on **29 January 2012**

Enquiries can be directed to: Tel. +64 7 858 5195
Fax +64 7 838 4600
Email scholarships@waikato.ac.nz

Please ensure that all questions are answered and that all the required attachments accompany this application form. You may jeopardise your chances of success if you do not complete your application properly.

When preparing your attachments, please do not use staples, special binding, coloured ink or paper. To fasten documents together, please use paper clips or bulldog clips. This is because all documents will be photocopied.

YOUR PERSONAL DETAILS

NAME AND STUDENT ID

Full name: _____

University of Waikato Student ID: _____

POSTAL ADDRESS

For correspondence regarding this application

Street Number and Name: _____

Suburb: _____ Town/City: _____

Post code: _____ Landline: _____

Email: _____ Cell Phone: _____

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APPLICATION DETAILS

STUDY HISTORY

This was my enrolment status in 2011.

Faculty/School: _____

Qualification: _____

Level of study: _____

STUDY INTENTIONS

These are my enrolment plans for 2012.

Faculty/School: _____

Qualification: _____

Level of study: _____

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Please indicate the source and value of any other funding received or applied for to support your studies:

For 2011: _____

For 2012: _____

ATTACHMENTS

All applicants - please attach the following to your application form:

- A **typed** one-page personal statement highlighting, among other things, the following:
 - Your previous academic achievements
 - Any **cultural and/or community involvement** (both on- and off-campus), especially that with a Pacific focus
- Two references, [ideally, referees will not be a close relative and/or a fellow student]
 - One should include comment on your **academic achievements**
 - One should include comment on your **cultural and/or community involvement (especially that with a Pacific focus)**

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▼ PRIVACY DECLARATION

The information provided in this application will be used solely for the purposes of assessing your eligibility and suitability for this Award. Personal information contained in this application will be made available to members of the Selection Panel, members of the Scholarships Committee and staff of the Scholarships Office.

The University of Waikato undertakes to store your application in a secure place in the event that you are successful in gaining an award or are selected as a reserve candidate for an award. The University of Waikato undertakes to destroy your application to preserve its confidentiality, in the event that you are unsuccessful in gaining an award.

Should you have reason to believe that information held about you in either your application or your academic record is incorrect, you have the right of access to, and correction of, that information.

The Selection Panel or University may contact for further information any persons or groups you have named in support of your application. Any such direct contact with these persons or groups will be made on a strictly confidential basis. The University may not divulge details to you about the content of such confidential communication without the written authorisation of the persons or groups concerned.

CONDITIONS

I understand that:

1. If I am offered, and accept, a Tertiary Achievement in Pacific Ako (TAPA) Award, I will only be eligible to be formally granted the Award if I comply with the regulations of the Award
2. In accepting the Award, I am agreeing to participate in any publicity concerning the Award as arranged by the University of Waikato
3. The Scholarships Committee may terminate my Award at any time, and recoup any funds awarded, if it is not satisfied that I am complying with the conditions governing the Award
4. I shall have the right to appeal to the Academic Board against any decision to terminate the Award.

▼ SIGN HERE

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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ACADEMIC REFEREE'S REPORT

Applicant's Name: _____

Student ID: _____

Please provide an **academic reference** on, or attached to, this form for the above-named applicant for a Tertiary Achievement in Pacific Ako (TAPA) Award. This reference will be used by the Selection Panel in determining the applicant's eligibility for the Award.

Please comment on the applicant's academic achievements in particular. You are more than welcome to include any other information that you think relevant.

While you are welcome to give your reference to the applicant, it would be appreciated if you could send it directly to the following address (or e-mail it as an attachment to scholarships@waikato.ac.nz) by **29 January 2012**:

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Referee's Name: _____

University / Dept: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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CHARACTER REFEREE'S REPORT

Applicant's Name: _____

Student ID: _____

Please provide a **character reference** on, or attached to, this form for the above-named applicant for a Tertiary Achievement in Pacific Ako (TAPA) Award. This reference will be used by the Selection Panel in determining the applicant's eligibility for the Award.

Please comment on the applicant's cultural and/or community involvement, in particular that with a Pacific focus. You are more than welcome to include any other information that you think relevant.

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