



THE UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO ACADEMIC MERIT SCHOOL LEAVER SCHOLARSHIP 2012

BACKGROUND

This Scholarship was established in 2011 to be awarded for the first time in 2012. This Scholarship is one of two new awards¹ offered by the University of Waikato to recognise academic excellence and merit in the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA), or in the Cambridge International Examinations (CIE), or International Baccalaureate (IB).

The remuneration of the Scholarships can be applied towards either tuition fees or the charges for accommodation in the University's halls of residence.

REGULATIONS

1. The award shall be known as the University of Waikato Academic Merit School Leaver Scholarship.
2. For ***most*** candidates there is no formal application required for this Scholarship.²
3. To be eligible for consideration for this Scholarship, candidates must meet the following criteria:
 - a. Be a citizen or permanent resident of New Zealand
 - b. Have achieved University Entrance
 - c. Have achieved the NCEA Level 3 Certificate **with a Merit endorsement**, or equivalent³, through a New Zealand school
 - d. Apply to enrol at the University of Waikato by the application deadline for new students
 - e. Apply to study as a full-time student (in a minimum of 120 points, usually eight papers) in an undergraduate degree
 - f. Be enrolling at the University for the first time⁴ in 2012, and commencing study in the first semester of 2012
4. Candidates who are identified as meeting the criteria and who are accepted into a full-time undergraduate degree programme in 2012 will be offered a Scholarship.

¹ The other award is the Vice-Chancellor's Academic Excellence School Leaver Scholarship.

² Candidates who took a 'gap year' in 2011 will **not** be considered automatically. They may use the [application form](#) to apply for one of a number of contestable Scholarships.

³ The Cambridge International Examinations (CIE) or the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma with an appropriate number of points (as detailed in Appendix A

⁴ Candidates who have undertaken **STAR** papers at the University of Waikato are **not** excluded by this clause.

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5. The candidate must accept the Scholarship by signing and returning the Scholarship acceptance form to the University, ideally with the candidate's Enrolment Agreement⁵.
6. This one-year fees Scholarship will have a value of \$3,000.
7. Recipients may choose to have the Scholarship applied **either** to tuition fees for the academic programme in which he or she enrolls in 2012, **or** to accommodation charges in the University's halls of residence in 2012.
8. A University of Waikato Academic Merit School Leaver Scholarship **cannot** be held in conjunction with a Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarship or with a Vice-Chancellor's Academic Excellence School Leaver Scholarship.
9. A University of Waikato Academic Merit School Leaver Scholarship may be held with any other award, unless the conditions of this Scholarship or of the other award preclude this.
10. If the scholar receives a fees scholarship from another source, the balance of the University of Waikato Academic Merit School Leaver Scholarship (not already applied to tuition fees or accommodation charges in 2012) may be credited to tuition fees at the University of Waikato for the 2013 academic year. Any credit can only be applied to 2013 fees if the scholar achieves a passing grade in all papers in which he or she enrolls in 2012.
11. The Scholarship is not refundable to the student under any circumstances, although a student who withdraws from the University may (under the provisions of the Fees Regulations) apply for a refund of tuition fees paid that were not covered by the Scholarship.
12. Candidates must remain enrolled full-time for the whole year of tenure. Should the student withdraw from any papers without adding sufficient papers to maintain an overall enrolment in 120 points for the 2012 academic year, the Scholarship must be repaid in full.
13. In signing and returning the Scholarship acceptance form, the student will be deemed to have read, understood and accepted the conditions of the award of the Scholarship.
14. School leavers who took a 'gap year' in 2011 will **not** be automatically assessed for this Scholarship. **'Gap year' candidates may apply for a limited number of contestable Scholarships by submitting the [application form](#) by 1 February 2012⁶.**

⁵ If the Enrolment Agreement has already been returned, the Scholarship acceptance form should be returned separately (to the Scholarships Office, SASD, University of Waikato, Private Bag 3105, Hamilton 3240).

⁶ To be considered for this Scholarship, 'gap year' applicants will need to meet all eligibility criteria apart from completing secondary school in 2011.



APPENDIX A – CIE AND IB EQUIVALENCES TO NCEA LEVEL 3 WITH MERIT ENDORSEMENT

Qualification	CIE	IB
Level of achievement	<p>200 points on the UCAS⁷ tariff, at AS or A level in four subjects equivalent to the NZQA-approved subjects, with at least 30 points in each of those four subjects</p>	<p>30 points in the Diploma</p>
Assessment	<p>Will occur when <i>candidates</i> provide results⁸</p>	

⁷ Universities & Colleges Admissions Service

⁸ School leavers who complete **CIE** and/or an **IB Diploma** in 2011 will have to provide the University with a verified copy of their results by **3 February 2012**.