

## ▼ WSU 'FIRST IN FAMILY' SCHOLARSHIP 2011

### BACKGROUND

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This Scholarship was established in 2010 by the Waikato Students' Union. The award is intended to acknowledge, celebrate, and support undergraduate students who have never had a family member attend university.

### REGULATIONS

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1. The Scholarship will be known as the WSU 'First in Family' Scholarship.
2. The Scholarship will be awarded to a current University of Waikato undergraduate student who is enrolled full-time in the penultimate year of their degree and is the first member of his/her immediate family to attend university.
3. 'Immediate family' will be defined by the following description:
  - A basic social unit consisting of parents and their children, considered as a group, whether dwelling together or not (the traditional family).
4. Applicants must briefly explain the structure of their (immediate) family in their covering letter. A more detailed explanation will be required if the make-up of applicant's immediate family differs from the traditional norm.
5. Applicants must briefly describe what sort of hardship or difficulties (if any) they faced in accessing tertiary education. The value of the Scholarship will be determined by the Selection Committee on a year-by-year basis, having regard to the funds available. The normal amount awarded will be \$2,000 and will be paid as one lump sum, to help with course and living costs.
6. The scholarship shall be taken up in the year following application.
7. The Scholarship is open to New Zealand citizens and permanent residents only.
8. The Scholarship may not be held by current members of the WSU Executive, or employees of the WSU Executive who hold a fixed-term or continuing contract.
9. Together with their completed form, applicants must submit a covering letter and a brief CV of no more than 4 A4 pages in length. Applicants must also submit three referees' reports which support the eligibility criteria outlined in clauses 2 and 3. The Selection Panel will be paying particular attention to these documents.
10. The Scholarship will be awarded annually.
11. Students may receive the Scholarship on one occasion only and the selection panel may NOT recommend that the Scholarship be shared between recipients.
12. By accepting the offer of a Scholarship, the candidate consents to any publicity regarding the Scholarship in Nexus Magazine and agrees to attend a presentation ceremony to collect their award.
13. The Scholarship is awarded by the WSU on the recommendation of the Selection Panel comprising the President of the Waikato Students' Union, the Vice-President of the Waikato Students' Union, and a representative of the University of Waikato Scholarships Committee, or their nominees.
14. The Scholarships Committee may terminate the Scholarship at any time and recoup any funds if it feels that the successful candidate is not complying with the conditions governing the Scholarship. The successful candidate will have the right to appeal to the Academic Board against any decision to terminate the Scholarship.
15. Any exception or variation to these arrangements must be approved by the Selection Panel.
16. Applications must be received by the Scholarships Office by **1 November** annually and will be awarded in April of the following year.

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## APPLICATION FORM

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

Applications close at 5.00 pm on **1 November annually**

Enquiries can be directed to: (07) 858 5136 or  
[scholarships@waikato.ac.nz](mailto: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 CV and attachments, please do not use special binding and/or coloured paper. This is because all documents will be photocopied.

## YOUR PERSONAL DETAILS

### NAME AND ID

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Full name:

Student ID:

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### POSTAL ADDRESS

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*For correspondence regarding this application*

Street Number and Name:

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Suburb:

Town/City:

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Post Code:

Telephone:

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Email:

Cell Phone:

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## ▼ APPLICATION DETAILS

### DETAILS OF CURRENT STUDY

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Please indicate the qualification for which you are enrolled as a full-time student in 2011.

Qualification:

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School/Department:

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Faculty:

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### HARDSHIP/DIFFICULTIES

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Please indicate any hardship or difficulties you may have faced in accessing tertiary education

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### ATTACHMENTS

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*Please attach the following to your application form:*

- A covering letter which provides information about the following:
  - Your choice to be the first in your immediate family to attend university
  - A sentence or two about your immediate family, e.g. who they are, where they live
    - A more detailed explanation will be required if the make-up of your immediate family differs from the traditional norm
  - University attendance of any more distant relations (by blood or marriage), e.g. cousin, aunt, brother-in-law
  - Your studies until now
  - Your future study and employment plans
  - Your extracurricular activities, both at the University and in the wider community
- Three referees' reports supporting the eligibility criteria in clauses 2 and 3 of the regulations
- A brief CV of no more than four A4 pages in length.

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## CONDITIONS

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I understand that:

1. If I am offered, and accept, the offer of a Waikato Students' Union 'First in Family' Scholarship, I will only be eligible to be formally awarded the Scholarship if I enrol at the University of Waikato in the year of tenure and comply with any other specific requirements of the Scholarship.
2. The Scholarships Committee may terminate a Scholarship at any time and recoup any funds awarded, if it is satisfied that the holder is not following the required programme or is not otherwise complying with the conditions governing the Scholarship. The holder of a Scholarship shall have the right to appeal to the Academic Board against any decision to terminate the award.

## ▼ PRIVACY DECLARATION

The information requested in the attached application form will be used solely for the purposes of assessing your application for the Scholarship for which you are applying. Personal information contained in this application will be copied and made available to members of the Selection Committee, 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. Personal references from the persons you have named are obtained on the strict understanding that they are confidential, and you may not have access to those references without the written authorisation of the author.

## ▼ SIGN HERE

Signature:

Date:

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## **REFEREE'S REPORT**

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Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide a confidential reference on, or attached to, this form for the above-named applicant for a Waikato Students' Union 'First in Family' Scholarship. This reference will only be used by the Selection Panel in determining the applicant's eligibility for the Scholarship.

Please send your reference to the following address by **1 November 2011**

The Scholarships Office  
The University of Waikato  
Private Bag 3105  
HAMILTON 3240

Referee's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty/School: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_