The Te Piringa – Faculty of Law Entrance Scholarship was set-up in 2011 to assist school leaver students with excellent academic performance in their first year studying Law at the University of Waikato. These scholarships are funded by the Faculty of Law and the number of scholarships awarded varies from year to year.

1. Purpose

1.1. The purpose of these Scholarships is to provide financial support to first-year school leaver students at Te Piringa – Faculty of Law, University of Waikato who have performed well academically prior to entry.

2. Eligibility

2.1. To be eligible, applicants must:

a) be school leaver students enrolling full-time (a full-time academic year comprises 120 points) in the first year of a Bachelor of Laws (LLB), Diploma of Law or a conjoint degree with Te Piringa - Faculty of Law at the University of Waikato;

b) have performed at a high standard, with a minimum endorsement of Merit, in the National Certificate in Educational Achievement (NCEA) Level 2 and/or the NZ Scholarships assessments, or equivalent, in the year of application; and

c) be New Zealand citizens or permanent residents.

2.2. Offers of a Scholarship will be conditional upon the recipient gaining a minimum Merit endorsement on their NCEA Level 3 certificate, or equivalent.

3. Value

3.1. The Scholarship will have a value of up to $2,000.

3.2. The Scholarship will be paid directly to the recipient in two equal sums after the withdrawal period for each semester.

3.2.1. Payment of the second instalment is conditional on the recipient passing all examined work in A Semester papers and their continued enrolment in an undergraduate law programme at the University of Waikato.

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1 Students who have taken a ‘gap year’ in 2017 and who meet the eligibility criteria can also apply.

2 Students enrolling in a conjoint degree must undertake the full first-year Law programme (LAWS103, LAWS106 and LAWS107).

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

4.1. The closing date for applications is **31 August each year**.

4.2. Along with the prescribed application form, each applicant must submit:
   
a) a personal statement (using the template provided), which includes the following subheadings:
      - Reasons for choosing proposed course of study
      - Academic background and/or work/life experience
      - Community involvement
   
b) a CV (maximum two A4 pages in length);
   
c) a full NCEA School Results Summary or equivalent.

5. Selection

5.1. The Selection Panel will comprise at least three members of the Te Piringa – Faculty of Law Student Admissions Committee and the Faculty’s representative on the Scholarships Committee.

5.2. The number of Scholarships awarded will be decided annually by Te Piringa – Faculty of Law, and may vary from year to year.

5.3. The Selection Panel may refrain from making a recommendation if it finds no applicants of sufficient merit.

5.4. The Selection Panel’s decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

6. Awarding

6.1. The offer of a Scholarship must be accepted by the date indicated in the Letter of Offer.

6.2. Recipients must have met all eligibility requirements prior to enrolment (see 2. Eligibility).

6.3. If any recipient declines a Scholarship, or does not take it up, the Selection Panel reserves the right to offer the Scholarship to another applicant.

6.4. The Scholarship will have a maximum tenure of one year and must be taken up in the year for which it is offered.

6.5. Any exception or variation to these arrangements must be approved by the Selection Panel.

7. Other Conditions

7.1. The Scholarship may be held together with any other scholarship, bursary, prize or student allowance, unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.

7.2. The Scholarships Committee may terminate a Scholarship at any time if it is not satisfied that the holder is following the approved programme of study or is not otherwise complying with the conditions governing the Scholarship and/or the regulations of the University of Waikato. The holder of a Scholarship shall have the right to appeal to the Education Committee against any decision to terminate the Scholarship.

7.3. By accepting a Scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato.
APPENDIX A – CIE AND IB EQUIVALENCES

NCEA Level 2 with Merit endorsement

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<td>170 points on the UCAS(^4) tariff, at AS or A level in four subjects, with at least 30 points in each of those four subjects</td>
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NCEA Level 2 with Excellence endorsement

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<td>200 points on the UCAS 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</td>
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