The Vice-Chancellor’s Adult Learners’ Awards are designed to recognise the achievements of outstanding adult learners at The University of Waikato.

Adult learners are students who have chosen to undertake tertiary study later in life. The awards celebrate these students, the efforts they go through and the academic achievements and social contributions they make.

1. General

1.1. The Vice-Chancellor’s Adult Learners Awards are given annually to assist mature students with their study and encourage other mature students to access learning opportunities. This is a nomination award and prizes are presented at a ceremony.

2. Eligibility

2.1. To be eligible for nomination, the nominee must:

   a) be at least 25 years old;
   b) be enrolled in part- or full-time study at the University of Waikato in their 2nd year and above; and,
   c) be studying towards an undergraduate qualification.

3. Value

3.1. Up to four Awards of $1,000 will be awarded annually.

4. Nomination Process

4.1. The Awards are not open to application but are selected from nominations made by staff of the University of Waikato.

4.2. Nominations must be made on the online form and accompanied by a Statement of Support (template provided) and a brief personal statement from the student being nominated.

4.3. The Statement of Support must provide evidence of the nominee’s:

   a) endeavour (e.g. through a challenging learning pathway to the university, demonstrating a strong determination to complete his/her studies, negotiating challenging personal circumstances);
   b) academic achievements; and,
   c) contribution to student life of the University (e.g. by willingly sharing new skills, knowledge and abilities with others, by supporting others to engage in learning activities), and, if relevant, cultural and community involvement.

4.4. Nominations and supporting statements must be submitted by 1 June.
5. **Selection Criteria**

5.1. Awards will be made on evidence provided in clause 4.3 above.

6. **Selection Panel**

6.1. The nominations will be forwarded to the selection panel comprising of, the Chair of the Scholarships Committee (or nominee), the Pro Vice-Chancellor Teaching and Learning, the President of the Waikato Student’s Union (or nominee) and a Faculty representative from the Scholarships Committee as appointed by the Chair of the Scholarships Committee.

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

7. **Awarding**

7.1. Successful nominees will be notified as soon as practicable after the selection meeting.

8. **Other Conditions**

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

8.2. The Scholarships Executive may terminate a Scholarship at any time, and recoup any funds disbursed, if the holder withdraws from the University of Waikato during the tenure of the Scholarship, brings the Scholarship programme or the University into disrepute\(^1\), or is otherwise not complying with the conditions governing the Scholarship. The holder of a Scholarship will have the right to appeal to the Scholarships Executive against any decision to terminate the award.

8.3. The holder of a Scholarship shall have the right to appeal to the Education Committee against any decision to terminate an award.

8.4. In consultation with the University, Faculty and/or sponsor, these regulations may be varied from time to time, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Award.

8.5. By accepting an Award, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the Award arranged by the University of Waikato.

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\(^1\) See [Student Code of Conduct](#)