

The purpose of the Sir Edmund Hillary Medal is to recognise annually the most significant contribution to excellence amongst graduates of the Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarship Programme.

## 1. Eligibility

- 1.1. To be eligible, applicants must be a current Sir Edmund Hillary Scholar completing their qualification in 2019.

## 2. Value

- 2.1. Up to two medals will be awarded annually.
- 2.2. The successful applicant(s) will receive a medal and a \$1,500 cash award.

## 3. Application

- 3.1. Applications must be submitted on the prescribed online form **by 30 November annually**.
- 3.2. Applicants should include with their application:
  - 3.2.1. A personal statement detailing:
    - The reasons they believe they're a suitable candidate for the Sir Edmund Hillary Medal;
    - What being a Sir Edmund Hillary Scholar means to them. This should include examples of the ways in which they demonstrate the values of both Sir Edmund Hillary himself and the Hillary Scholarship Programme's three pillars (sport/art performance, academic performance, and leadership excellence) in the different areas of their life; and
    - Their future aspirations for their sport or art, their study and/or career, and their development as a leader.
  - 3.2.2. A curriculum vitae (maximum four A4 pages);
  - 3.2.3. A sport or art reference from a person who is able to attest to the applicant's achievements to date and potential to further excel; and
  - 3.2.4. A leadership reference.

## 4. Selection Criteria

- 4.1. Awards will be made in the following areas:
  - 4.1.1. One medal will be awarded to a graduating sport scholar; and
  - 4.1.2. One medal will be awarded to a graduating creative or performing art scholar.
- 4.2. Selection will be based on:
  - 4.2.1. A very high level of performance in either a sport or a creative or performing art;
  - 4.2.2. Outstanding academic achievement; and
  - 4.2.3. Exceptional leadership.

## **5. Selection Panel**

- 5.1. The Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarship Programme Executive will act as the Selection Panel for these awards.
- 5.2. The Selection Panel may consult with representatives of relevant sporting or creative partners to assess the standing of any achievements listed in an applicant's CV or personal statement.
- 5.3. The Selection Panel may, at its discretion, require an applicant to undertake an interview or audition.
- 5.4. The Selection Panel may contact referees on a confidential basis for further relevant information.
- 5.5. The Selection Panel reserves the right to award fewer Sir Edmund Hillary Medals than the maximum available in any given year if they feel the applicants are not of sufficient merit.
- 5.6. The Selection Panel's decisions are final and no correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

## **6. Awarding**

- 6.1. All applicants will be advised by email of the outcome of their application.
- 6.2. Successful applicants must accept the offer of a Sir Edmund Hillary Medal by the prescribed date or the offer will lapse.

## **7. Other Conditions**

- 7.1. Scholars may only receive a Sir Edmund Hillary Medal once.
- 7.2. The Medal may be held in conjunction with any other prize, award or scholarship, as long as the conditions of the other funding do not preclude this.
- 7.3. By accepting a Sir Edmund Hillary Medal, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the award arranged by the University of Waikato.
- 7.4. The Scholarships Committee may terminate an award at any time, and recoup any funds disbursed, if the holder withdraws from the University of Waikato during the tenure of the award, brings the University or the Sir Edmund Hillary Scholarship Programme into disrepute<sup>1</sup>, or is otherwise not complying with the regulations governing the award. The holder of an award will have the right to appeal to the Scholarships Executive against any decision to terminate the award.
- 7.5. The Scholarships Committee may, from time to time, vary these regulations.

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<sup>1</sup> See [Code of Student Conduct](#).