



The scholarship has been made available by the Rotary Club of Te Awamutu in recognition of the centennial of Rotary International and is intended to support students from the Te Awamutu area to progress their undergraduate study at the University of Waikato.

## 1. Eligibility

- 1.1. To be eligible, candidates must:
  - a) be enrolling full-time in the second year of study towards an undergraduate degree at the University of Waikato;
  - b) be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident; and have either resided in or have some demonstrable commitment to Te Awamutu and its environs.

## 2. Value

- 2.1. The Scholarship will have a value of up to \$3,000 and will be credited towards tuition fees in the year of tenure.
- 2.2. Up to two awards will be offered annually.

## 3. Application

- 3.1. The closing date for applications is **31 March 2019**
- 3.2. Along with the prescribed application form, each applicant must submit:
  - a) a maximum two-page personal statement providing
    - proposed course of study
    - proposed future career plans
    - evidence of residency or other commitment to Te Awamutu community and recent/current community involvement
  - b) two character references.
  - c) a CV (no more than three A4 pages)
  - d) a financial statement (only applicable to those applying under financial hardship)

## 4. Selection Criteria

- 4.1. The Selection Panel will usually offer one award on the basis of the applicant's academic merit and the second award on the basis of the applicant's financial hardship (this may be varied at the Selection Panel's discretion in exceptional cases)
- 4.2. In addition, importance will be placed on the applicant's Community involvement and other personal circumstances that illustrate their participation in their Community at large. Applicants need to clearly establish their credentials in light of these criteria as Rotary is a community service organisation and in providing these scholarships, it seeks to encourage and reward community service and involvement.

### Selection Panel

- 4.3. The Selection Panel will comprise of up to four Rotarians and a representative of the University's Scholarships Committee.
- 4.4. The Selection Panel may refrain from making a recommendation if it finds no candidate of sufficient merit.
- 4.5. The Selection Panel's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

## **5. Awarding**

- 5.1. The Scholarship will have a maximum tenure of one year and must be taken up in the year for which it is offered.
- 5.2. The offer of a Scholarship must be accepted by the date indicated in the letter of offer. If a candidate declines a Scholarship, or does not take it up, the Selection Panel may offer the Scholarship to another candidate.

## **6. Other Conditions**

- 6.1. If having been awarded a Scholarships, a scholar withdraws from papers and is no longer enrolled as a full-time student, the scholar may be required to refund all or part of the Scholarships. Any such refund required to be made by the student will be commensurate with the length of the portion of the academic year for which they will no longer be fully enrolled.
- 6.2. The Scholarships Committee may terminate an Award at any time, and recoup any funds disbursed, if the holder withdraws from the University during the tenure of the Award, brings the University into disrepute<sup>1</sup>, or is otherwise not complying with the regulations governing the Award.
- 6.3. The holder of a Scholarship shall have the right to appeal to the Education Committee against any decision to terminate the Scholarship.
- 6.4. 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.
- 6.5. By accepting an Award, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the scholarship arranged by the Rotary Club of Te Awamutu. The recipient may be asked to attend a Rotarian meeting.

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