The Te Piringa – Faculty of Law Entrance Scholarship was established 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 studying at Te Piringa – Faculty of Law who have performed well academically.

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 (see also clause 2.3);
   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.

2.3. Candidates who are taking a ‘gap-year’ in the year of application may also be considered, provided they meet all other eligibility criteria outlined above.

3. Value

3.1. The Scholarship will have a value of up to $2,000 and will be paid directly to the recipient in two equal sums after the withdrawal period for each semester.

3.1.1. 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.

4. Application

4.1. The closing date for applications is 31 August.

4.2. Along with the prescribed application form, each applicant must submit:
   a) a personal statement (using the template provided);
   b) a CV (maximum two A4 pages in length); and
   c) a full NCEA School Results Summary or equivalent.

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1 Students enrolling in a conjoint degree must undertake the full first-year Law programme (LEGAL103, LEGAL104 and LEGAL106).
5. Selection

5.1. The Selection Panel will comprise of the appropriate Scholarships Committee representative from Te Piringa – Faculty of Law (in Chair) and at least three members of the Law Student Admissions 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 and Tenure

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 clause 2).

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.

7. Other Conditions

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

7.2. The Scholarships Committee may terminate this Scholarship at any time, and recoup any funds disbursed, if the holder withdraws from the University of Waikato, brings the Scholarship or the University into disrepute, or is otherwise not 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 Scholarships Executive 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.

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2 See Code of Student Conduct