The Tauranga Campus First-in-Family Scholarship was established in 2018 to assist students from families with no history of tertiary level study to participate in a university education at the University of Waikato in Tauranga. These Scholarships were made available through the generosity of Tauranga Energy Consumer Trust, Tauranga City Council, and Bay of Plenty Regional Council. The funds are held in trust by the University of Waikato Foundation and up to 10 Scholarships are awarded each year. The University of Waikato motto ‘ko te tangata’ is a core value and underpins the purpose of these Scholarships.

1. Purpose
1.1. The purpose of these Scholarships is to provide financial support to first-year undergraduate students studying full-time at the University of Waikato in Tauranga, especially those that might have personal challenges, or financial and/or cultural challenges to overcome in order to attend university.

2. Eligibility
2.1. To be eligible, applicants must:
   a) be the first member of their immediate family/whanau to attend university (i.e., neither of the applicant’s birth parents nor a full or half-sibling);
   b) be intending to enrol full-time (a full-time academic year comprises 120-points) in the first year of an undergraduate degree at the University Waikato in Tauranga;
   c) be accepted into their programme of study; and
   d) be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident.

3. Value
3.1. The Scholarship will have a value of $1,000, paid directly in two equal instalments, after the withdrawal period for each trimester has passed.
   3.1.1. Payment of the second instalment will be conditional on the recipient achieving at least a B grade average in their A Trimester papers and their continued enrolment in an undergraduate degree at the University of Waikato in Tauranga.

4. Application
4.1. The closing date for applications is 15 October.
4.2. Along with the completed application form, each applicant must submit:
   a) A personal statement of no more than two A4 pages (on the prescribed form) that outlines the following:
      o What it means to the applicant and/or their family to be the first-in-family at university;
      o Future aspirations and motivation to succeed at University; and
      o why the course of study will enhance their life-long opportunities.
4.2.1. A statement of confirmation from someone (a non-family member) who can confirm that you are the first in your family to attend University;
4.2.2. All School Leaver candidates must supply a copy of their latest NCEA School Results Summary.
4.2.3. School Leavers must also request the submission of an Academic Assessment from their school, on the required form sent directly to the school after submission of the application.

5. Selection Criteria
5.1. Awards will be made on the evidence provided in the applicants’ personal statements (as outlined in clause 4.2. a) above).
5.2. In awarding the Scholarships, the Selection Panel will take into particular consideration the applicant’s commitment to succeed at university study and to study at the Tauranga campus.
5.3. Preference may be given to applicants who have an affiliation with the Bay of Plenty.

6. Selection Panel
6.1. The Scholarship Selection Panel will comprise the Chair of the Scholarships Committee (as chairperson), a representative of the Tauranga Tertiary Campus Charitable Trust (or its successor), and the Academic Director Tauranga Campus (or nominees).
6.2. The Selection Panel may refrain from making a recommendation if it finds no applicants of sufficient merit.
6.3. The Selection Panel’s decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

7. Awarding and Tenure
7.1. The offer of a Scholarship must be accepted by the date indicated in the Letter of Offer.
7.2. Recipients must have met all eligibility requirements prior to enrolment (see clause 2.1).
7.3. 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.
7.4. The Scholarship will have a maximum tenure of one year and must be taken up in the year for which it is offered.

8. Other Conditions
8.1. The Scholarship is co-tenable with any other award, unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.
8.2. In accepting the Scholarship, the recipient will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship and the Scholarships Policy.
8.3. 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, University or Sponsor into disrepute\(^1\), 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.

8.4. The Scholarships Committee has the power to amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.

8.5. Should a recipient withdraw from any papers, without adding sufficient papers to maintain an overall enrolment in a minimum of 120-points for the academic year, the University may ask for the Scholarship to be repaid.

8.6. By accepting a Scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato.

\(^1\) See Code of Student Conduct