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, for the final year of the Scholarship, 16 Scholarships will be offered for 2022. The University of Waikato motto ‘Ko Te Tangata’ (For the People) 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 and Selection Criteria

2.1. To be eligible, applicants must:

2.1.1. be the first member of their immediate family/whānau to attend university (i.e., neither of the applicant's birth parents nor a full or half-sibling);

2.1.2. 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 with at least 75% of papers taken in Tauranga;

2.1.3. be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident.

2.2. In selecting recipients the Selection Panel will take into particular consideration:

2.2.1. The applicant’s commitment to succeed at university study and to study at the Tauranga campus.

2.2.2. Preference may be given to applicants with an affiliation with the Bay of Plenty.

2.3. To maintain eligibility recipients must:

2.3.1. be accepted into their programme of study; and

2.3.2. enrol full-time (a full-time academic year comprises 120-points) in the first year of an undergraduate degree in the year of tenure, and have at least 75% of papers in Tauranga;

3. Value, Tenure and Awarding

3.1. The Scholarship will have a value of $1,000, paid directly to recipients after the withdrawal period for A Trimester has passed.

3.2. The offer of a Scholarship must be accepted by the date indicated in the offer, or the offer will lapse.
3.3. 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.

3.4. The Scholarship will have a maximum tenure of one year and must be taken up in the year for which it is offered.

4. Application

4.1. The closing date for online applications is **15 October**.

4.2. As part of the online application process, each applicant must submit:

   4.2.1. A personal statement of no more than two A4 pages (on the prescribed form) that outlines the following:
   
   - What it means to the applicant and/or their family to be the first-in-family at university; and
   - Future aspirations and motivation to succeed at University;
   - Why the course of study will enhance their life-long opportunities; and
   - Academic and/or life experience.

   4.2.2. A statement of confirmation from someone (a non-family member) who can confirm that you are the first in your family to attend University;

4.3. All **School-Leaver** candidates must also:

   4.3.1. upload a copy of their latest NCEA School Results Summary.

   4.3.2. request the submission of an Academic Assessment from their school principal, on the required form (sent directly to the school after submission of the application).

5. Selection Panel

5.1. 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 one academic staff member based at Tauranga Campus and appointed by the Chair of the Scholarships Committee.

5.2. The Selection Panel may refrain from making a recommendation if it finds no applicants of sufficient merit.

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

6. Other Conditions

6.1. The Scholarship is co-tenable with any other award, unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.

6.2. In accepting the Scholarship, the recipient will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship and the **Scholarships Policy**. 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.
6.3. 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.

6.4. 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.

6.5. 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](#)