



The Paul Woodford Day Melville High School Scholarship for Excellence is offered by the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Waikato to recognise excellent achievement by a Melville High School student in their final year of secondary school. The Scholarship is in memory of Emeritus Professor Paul Woodford Day. Professor Day's association with the University began long before there were any buildings on campus. He, with his wife Gabrielle, drew the plans for the first University of Waikato buildings on their kitchen table, creating a foundation of things to follow. It was in the early 1960's, when he was running the Hamilton branch of Auckland University, that Professor Day joined other visionaries to battle for the Waikato to have its own independent university. This succeeded in 1965, and he took up a professorship in 1970. When he retired in 1980, he was awarded the University's first Emeritus Professor Honour, which was followed by an Honorary Doctorate in 1998.

One Scholarship is awarded each year. Application for this Scholarship is by **nomination only**.

1. Eligibility

- 1.1. To be eligible for consideration candidates must:
 - a) be nominated by the Principal of Melville High School;
 - b) be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident;
 - c) be a current Year 13 student at Melville High School studying towards NCEA Level 3 and University Entrance, or equivalent;
 - d) be intending to enrol full-time (120-points) in an undergraduate degree at the University of Waikato for the first time¹ in the year of tenure, commencing study in the first trimester of that year; and,

2. Value

- 2.1. The Scholarship will have a value of \$2,000, paid directly into the recipient's bank account in two instalments (clause 4.4).

3. Nomination

- 3.1. The closing date for nominations is **15 September each year**.
- 3.2. The Principal of Melville High School is invited to nominate and rank Year 13 students who demonstrate academic excellence. Preference may be given to students who excel in the fields of Language, Literature or related subjects. The Principal may also take into account relevant leadership roles, community service, personal qualities and character.

¹ Candidates who have undertaken **STAR** papers at the University of Waikato are ***not*** excluded by this clause.

Selection

- 3.3. The nomination will be considered by the Scholarships Committee at the University of Waikato for endorsement.
- 3.4. The Principal, of Melville High School, may refrain from making a recommendation in any year if, no nominee, or reserve nominee of sufficient merit (see clause 3.2) is present in that year's cohort.

4. Awarding

- 4.1. The offer of the Scholarship is subject to the recipient fulfilling all requirements for admission to the University of Waikato.
- 4.2. The offer of a Scholarship must be accepted by the date indicated in the offer or the offer will lapse. If a candidate declines the Scholarship, or does not take it up, the award may be offered to the next ranked candidate.
- 4.3. The Scholarship will have a maximum tenure of one year and must be taken up in the year for which it is offered.
- 4.4. The Scholarship will be paid directly into the recipient's bank account in two equal instalments.
 - 4.4.1. The first instalment is made after the withdrawal deadline for A trimester papers, provided the student is enrolled in a full-time programme of study on that date.
 - 4.4.2. The second instalment is made after the withdrawal deadline for B trimester papers, provided the student continues in full-time enrolment and has passed their papers in the A trimester with at least a B average.
- 4.5. If the recipient does not meet clause 4.4.2 they will not be eligible for the second instalment of the Scholarship.

5. Other Conditions

- 5.1. The recipient must commence study in the first trimester of the year of tenure.
- 5.2. In accepting the Scholarship, the recipient will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship and the [Scholarships Policy](#).
- 5.3. The Scholarship is required to be repaid in full should the student withdraw from paper(s) and not add sufficient papers to maintain full-time enrolment for the year of tenure.
- 5.4. It may be held with any other award unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.
- 5.5. 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 disrepute¹², or is otherwise not complying with

² See [Code of Student Conduct](#)

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.

- 5.6. 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.
- 5.7. By accepting the Scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato.