Purpose

The Peter Ayson Undergraduate Scholarship in Health, Sport and Human Performance was established in 2017 by University of Waikato Alumnus and athletics champion Peter Ayson. The scholarship aims to support students who show academic merit and sporting promise, who are studying towards an undergraduate degree in the Faculty of Health, Sport and Human Performance.

Regulations

1. Eligibility
   1.1. To be eligible, candidates must:
       a) be intending to enrol full-time in the first year of an undergraduate degree in the Faculty of Health, Sport and Human Performance at University of Waikato Hamilton or Tauranga Campus;
       b) have not attended secondary school in the past two years; and
       c) be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident.

2. Value
   2.1. The value of the scholarship will be $3,500.
   2.2. The Scholarship will be paid in one lump sum towards the successful recipient’s tuition fees (including student’s services levy).

3. Application
   3.1. The closing date for applications is 31 January 2018.
   3.2. Along with the prescribed application form, each applicant must submit:
       a) A two-page personal statement that includes the following subheadings:
           • Motivation for studying in the field of Health, Sport and Human Performance
           • Academic achievements
           • Future study/career plans
           • Sporting/Community Involvement
       b) a brief CV (no longer than four A4 pages in length); and
       c) two references; one academic and one character.
   3.3 Applicants who have studied at another tertiary institution must supply verified copies of their academic transcripts.

4. Selection Criteria
   4.1. The Scholarship will be offered based on evidence of the applicant’s commitments to their sport and/or commitments to volunteering e.g. coaching or mentoring. The Selection Panel will also take in to consideration the applicants academic achievements.
5. Selection Panel

5.1. The Selection Panel will comprise of the of the Dean of Faculty of Health, Sport and Human Performance (in the Chair), an academic staff member from the Faculty of Health, Sport and Human Performance as nominated by the Chair; and Peter Ayson (sponsor) or his nominee.

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

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

5.4. The Selection Panel may contact referees, on a confidential basis, for further relevant information. The University may not divulge details to applicants about the content of such confidential references without the written authorisation of these referees.

6. Awarding

6.1. The offer of a Scholarship must be accepted by the date indicated in the letter of offer. If any applicant declines a Scholarship, or does not take it up, the offer shall lapse.

6.2. 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 successful recipient may be required to attend a presentation ceremony to acknowledge their success.

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

7.3. The Scholarships Executive may terminate a Scholarship at any time and recoup funds awarded, if it is not satisfied that the recipient is following the required programme or is not otherwise complying with the conditions governing the Scholarship and/or the regulations of the University of Waikato.

7.4. The holder of a Scholarship shall have the right to appeal against any decision to terminate the Scholarship.

7.5. By accepting the offer of a Scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the sponsor and/or the University of Waikato.

7.6. In signing and returning the acceptance form, the recipient will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the terms and conditions of the Scholarship.