The Mayfair Court University of Waikato Residential Scholarship was developed in 2019 for University of Waikato students studying at the Tauranga Campus. The Scholarship coincides with the opening of the University of Waikato’s CBD campus in Tauranga in 2019. Accommodation provided by the University provides a supportive environment for its residents. The Scholarship is for students in financial need and is therefore only for students residing in Mayfair Court Apartments.

1. Purpose

1.1. The Scholarships are designed to assist University of Waikato students who have proven academic potential, whose financial circumstances are severely constrained, or for whom there are other extraordinary circumstances which make accommodation within a University residence demonstrably beneficial to their academic progress.

2. Eligibility

2.1. To be eligible, applicants must:

a) be enrolled in, or intending to enrol full-time (a full-time academic year comprises of 120-points) in an undergraduate degree programme at the University of Waikato, Tauranga Campus in the year of tenure;

b) have achieved a level of academic excellence:

• for school-leavers at least Merit in NCEA level 3;
• for students studying in the second year or above, they must have achieved at least a B grade point average from their New Zealand tertiary institution in the preceding year of study;

c) commence study in the first semester of the year of tenure; and

d) be a New Zealand citizen, permanent resident or international students.

i. International students who are not currently completing NCEA Level 3 must have completed at least 120 points of study at a New Zealand tertiary institution.

3. Value

3.1. The Scholarship will be an accommodation credit of up to $8,000, which will be applied to Mayfair Court Apartments accommodation fees.

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1 Students who do not gain University Entry but attend the University of Waikato Certificate of University Preparation (CUP) Course, are not eligible for funding while attending CUP. Students can make a request to the Scholarship Panel to consider awarding them a part-scholarship for Semester B of the year of tenure should they successfully complete the CUP course and begin their Bachelor Programme.
4. **Application**

4.1. The closing date for applications is will be **15 October** and 1 February annually.

4.2. Along with completing the online application form, applicants must submit:

   a) A personal statement (using the prescribed template) outlining your financial hardship and/or any other evidence of extraordinary personal circumstances that support your application. Please note that the University reserves the right to collect further financial evidence if required;

   b) A brief CV (no longer than two A4 pages);

   c) All first year student’s that have not already completed an enrolment at UoW must attach a copy of their NCEA School Results Summary; and

   d) A character reference².

5. **Selection Panel and Criteria**

5.1. The Selection Panel will comprise of a representative from the University’s Scholarships Committee selected by the Chair of the Scholarships Committee (as Chairperson), the Director – Tauranga Campus Development and the Associate Director – Student Accommodation, and the Director Student Services (or nominees).

5.2. Applications may be evaluated by a financial advisor (University appointee), who will make recommendations to the Panel regarding the financial need of applicants.

5.3. In making their decision the Panel will take into consideration financial need and extraordinary personal circumstances. The level of other funding already awarded will also be a key consideration.

5.4. The Scholarships Committee’s decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

6. **Awarding**

6.1. The offer of a Scholarship must be accepted by the date indicated in offer. If an applicant fails to accept the Scholarship within the prescribed period, the offer will 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.

6.3. The Scholarship will be paid towards accommodation expenses in two lump sums, with **the second payment being conditional upon** the student passing all first semester papers.

6.4. Students may choose to use the scholarship to pay for all or a portion of any payments, except the administration fee.

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² Cannot be from an immediate family member or friend of the applicant.
6.5. Recipients are guaranteed a place in Mayfair Court Apartments. However, in order to maintain this guarantee students must complete their applications, including payment of the deposit and any other administration costs, by the specified application due date(s).

7. Other Conditions

7.1. Successful applicants' will be required to attend a mid-semester interview with the Tauranga Accommodation Coordinator during the year of tenure. Progress will be monitored by the Tauranga Accommodation Coordinator and the School of Graduate Research - Scholarships.

7.2. The School of Graduate Research - Scholarships may liaise directly with the Tauranga Accommodation Coordinator to gain access to any relevant documents provided in support of a Scholarship applicant's application to enter the residence.

7.3. The Scholarship may be held together with any other scholarships unless the conditions of the other awards preclude this.

7.4. The Scholarships Committee may terminate an undergraduate scholarship at any time and recoup any funds disbursed if the holder withdraws from the University during the tenure of the Scholarship, brings the University into disrepute³, or is otherwise not complying with the regulations governing the Scholarship.

7.5. The holder of a Scholarship will have the right to appeal to the Scholarships Executive against any decision to terminate a Scholarship.

³ See Student Code of Conduct