This Scholarship was established in 2010 by the Waikato Students’ Union to acknowledge, celebrate, and support undergraduate students who have never had an immediate family member attend a New Zealand university.

1. **Eligibility**
   1.1. To be eligible, applicants must be:
   a) enrolled full-time at the University of Waikato in their final year of an undergraduate degree;
   b) the first member of their immediate family to attend a New Zealand university; and
   c) a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident.
   1.2. For the purposes of this Scholarship, ‘immediate family members’ will be defined as:
   - Parents
   - Stepparents
   - Siblings (including half siblings, step siblings and adopted siblings)
   1.3. Current members of the Waikato Students’ Union Executive, or employees of the Waikato Students’ Union who hold a fixed-term or continuing contract, are not eligible to apply for this Scholarship.

2. **Value**
   2.1. The value of the Scholarship will be up to $2,000 and will be paid directly into the recipient’s bank account in one lump sum in the year of tenure. The amount offered is at the discretion of the Selection Panel and will be based on criteria such as, but not limited to, total available funding, period of enrolment, grades, financial need, number of credits enrolled, number of applicants.
   2.2. It is expected that this award will be used to help defray course and living costs.

3. **Application**
   3.1. The closing date for applications is 30 May annually.
   3.2. Applicants must include the following information with their applications:
   a) a personal statement (using the template provided) addressing:
      - the decision/reason to attend university
      - explaining any hardships or difficulties faced in accessing tertiary education
   b) a brief CV (no more than two A4 pages in length);
c) a statement of confirmation from someone (a non-family member) who can confirm that you are the first in your family to attend University; and
d) a character reference, which must be provided by a non-family member.

Selection Panel and Criteria

3.3. The Selection Panel will comprise the President of the Waikato Students’ Union (in the Chair), the Vice President of the Waikato Students’ Union, one Director of the Waikato Students’ Union as nominated by the President, the General Manager of the Waikato Students’ Union and a representative of the University of Waikato Scholarships Committee (as nominated by the Chair of the Scholarships Committee).

3.4. In selecting the recipients for this Scholarship, the Selection Panel will take into consideration the applicants’ supporting documentation outlining their eligibility for the Scholarship, as per clause 3.2 above.

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

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

4. Awarding

4.1. The Scholarship will have a maximum tenure of one year.

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

4.3. Applicants may receive this Scholarship on one occasion only.

4.4. On the recommendation of the Selection Panel, the Scholarship may be shared.

4.5. All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application as soon as practicable following the selection meeting.

5. Other Conditions

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

5.2. 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, the University or Sponsor into disrepute¹, or is otherwise not complying with the conditions governing the Scholarship and/or the regulations of the University of Waikato. The holder of the Scholarship shall have the right to appeal to the Scholarships Executive against any decision to terminate the Scholarship.

5.3. By accepting a Scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the Waikato Students’ Union or the

¹ See Code of Student Conduct.
University of Waikato, and agrees to attend a presentation ceremony to collect the Scholarship.

5.4. The Scholarships Committee, in consultation with the WSU, has the power to amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.