The Vice-Chancellor's Adult Learners' Awards are designed to recognise the achievements of outstanding adult learners at The University of Waikato.

Adult learners are students who have chosen to undertake tertiary study later in life. The Awards celebrate these students, the efforts they go through and the academic achievements and social contributions they make.

The Awards are given annually to assist mature students with their study and encourage other mature students to access learning opportunities. The Awards are by nomination only, and may be acknowledged at a ceremony.

1. **Eligibility**
   1.1. To be eligible for nomination, the nominee must:
       a) be at least 25 years old;
       b) be enrolled in part- or full-time study at the University of Waikato in their 2nd year and above; and,
       c) be studying towards an undergraduate qualification.

2. **Value**
   2.1. Up to four Awards of $1,000 will be awarded annually and paid directly into the recipients bank account.

3. **Nomination Process**
   3.1. The Awards are not open to application but are selected from nominations made by staff of the University of Waikato.
   3.2. Nominations must be made on the online form and accompanied by a Statement of Support (template provided) and a brief personal statement from the student being nominated.
   3.3. The Statement of Support must provide evidence of the nominee’s:
       a) endeavour (e.g. through a challenging learning pathway to the university, demonstrating a strong determination to complete his/her studies, negotiating challenging personal circumstances);
       b) academic achievements; and,
       c) contribution to student life of the University (e.g. by willingly sharing new skills, knowledge and abilities with others, by supporting others to engage in learning activities), and, if relevant, cultural and community involvement.
   3.4. Nominations and supporting statements must be submitted by 1 June each year.
4. Selection Panel and Criteria

4.1. The nominations will be forwarded to the selection panel comprising of, the Chair of the Scholarships Committee (or nominee), the Pro Vice-Chancellor Teaching and Learning, the President of the Waikato Student's Union (or nominee) and a Faculty representative from the Scholarships Committee as appointed by the Chair of the Scholarships Committee.

4.2. Awards will be made on evidence provided in Clause 3.3 above.

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

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

1. Awarding

1.1. Each successful applicant will be advised of the offer of an Award and must accept the offer by the prescribed date or the offer will lapse.

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

2. Other Conditions

2.1. The Award may be held together with any bursary, prize or student allowance, unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.

2.2. The Scholarships Committee may terminate this Award at any time, and recoup any funds disbursed, if the holder withdraws from the University of Waikato, brings the Award, University or Sponsor into disrepute\(^1\), or is otherwise not complying with the conditions governing the Award and/or the regulations of the University of Waikato. The holder of a Scholarship will have the right to appeal to the Scholarships Executive against any decision to terminate the award.

2.3. In Scholarships Committee has the power amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Award.

2.4. By accepting an Award, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the Award arranged by the University of Waikato.

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\(^1\) See Student Code of Conduct