The Edna Money Future Pacific Leaders’ Scholarship was established to provide academically talented Pacific students who demonstrate significant leadership potential an opportunity to study at the University of Waikato. Edna Money was a Morrinsville farmer and accountant who bequeathed the sum of $1 million to the University of Waikato to benefit Pacific students. The Scholarship supports at least one new recipient each year.

1. Purpose

1.1. The purpose of the Edna Money Future Pacific Leaders’ Scholarship is to provide support for students of Pacific ethnicity to achieve academically in a programme of study at the University of Waikato.

2. Eligibility

2.1. To be eligible for consideration, candidates must:

   a) be of Pacific Island descent;
   b) have achieved at least a Merit endorsement at NCEA Level 2, or equivalent through examinations such as the Cambridge International Examinations (CIE) or the international Baccalaureate (IB) examination;
   c) be studying at NCEA Level 3 towards University Entrance in the year prior to tenure;
      i. Students who finished secondary school in 2019 and are taking a ‘gap year’ in 2020 may also apply for the Scholarship, provided they meet the eligibility criteria;
   d) be intending to enrol full-time in an undergraduate degree (a full-time academic year comprises 120-points) at the University of Waikato for the first time in the year of tenure; and
   e) be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident.

2.2. To maintain eligibility, students offered the Scholarship must:

   a) gain University Entrance; and
   b) gain admission to an undergraduate degree at the University of Waikato.

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

3.1. The closing date for applications is **31 August each year**.

3.2. As part of the application process, each applicant must submit:
   a) a personal statement (using the prescribed template) that outlines the following:
      - Academic achievements;
      - Leadership experience;
      - Engagement with Pacific community/communities or concerns; and
      - Future aspirations.

3.3. As part of the application process, each candidate must also request the following documents to be submitted confidentially to the School of Graduate Research:
   - A completed online Academic Assessment which is to be completed by the candidate’s Secondary School Principal or their nominee; and
   - A community reference, attesting to the applicant’s activities and roles (especially those with a Pacific focus), in the wider community. This referee may not be a family member.

4. **Value and tenure**

4.1. The value of the Scholarship will be $6,000 per year for up to three years.

4.2. The scholarship will be paid in two equal instalments annually. The first instalment after the withdrawal date for A trimester and the second instalment after the withdrawal date for B trimester in the year of tenure.

4.3. Provided they meet all accommodation application deadlines, recipients will be guaranteed a place in the University’s Halls of Residence in their first year of study.

4.4. The Scholarship will have a maximum tenure of three years.

4.5. The Scholarship may continue for consecutive periods of enrolment for up to three years, provided that the recipient:
   a) remains enrolled full-time in an undergraduate degree; and
   b) achieves at least a B grade point average across all papers undertaken in each year of tenure.

5. **Selection Panel and Criteria**

5.1. The Selection Panel will comprise the Chair of the Scholarships Committee (or nominee) in the Chair, the Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Pacific), the CME Pacific Advisor, and a Pacific staff member appointed by the Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Pacific).

5.2. The Selection Panel will consider the applications, and may contact referees on a confidential basis for further relevant information.

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

5.4. The Selection Panel’s decision will be final and no further correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.
5.5. The Selection Panel will focus on the following:

- Academic achievements, i.e. a minimum of NCEA Level 2 endorsed with Merit (or equivalent);
- Leadership experience, at school and in the wider (especially Pacific) community; and
- Community and cultural involvement and activities, particularly engagement with Pacific community/communities or concerns.

6. Awarding

6.1. Successful applicants will be advised of the conditional offer of a Scholarship and must accept the offer by the prescribed date or the offer will lapse. If a Scholarship offer is declined or lapses, the Selection Panel may offer a Scholarship to another applicant.

7. Other Conditions

7.1. An Edna Money Future Pacific Leaders’ Scholarship may be held with any other scholarship, award or prize, unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.

7.2. 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, University or Sponsor into disrepute\(^2\), or is otherwise not complying with 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.

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

7.4. 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.

7.5. By accepting a Scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in any reasonable publicity concerning the Scholarship as arranged by the University of Waikato.

\(^2\) See Code of Student Conduct