The Te Piringa – Faculty of Law Endeavour Scholarship was set-up in 2016 to assist first-year school leaver students studying Law at the University of Waikato with difficult circumstances to attain academic success. These scholarships are funded by the Faculty of Law and support one deserving student each year.

1. Purpose

   1.1. The purpose of this Scholarship is to assist first-year school leaver students at Te Piringa – Faculty of Law, University of Waikato who have proven academic potential, whose financial circumstances are severely constrained or for whom there are other special circumstances which would make such a scholarship a significant means of enhancing their academic success.

2. Eligibility

   2.1. To be eligible, applicants must:

   a) be school leaver students enrolling full-time (a full-time academic year comprises 120 points) in the first year\(^1\) of a Bachelor of Laws (LLB), Diploma of Law or a conjoint degree\(^2\) with Te Piringa - Faculty of Law at the University of Waikato;

   b) have performed at a high standard, with a minimum endorsement of Merit, in the National Certificate in Educational Achievement (NCEA) Level 2 and/or the NZ Scholarships assessments, or equivalent\(^3\), in the year of application;

   c) have demonstrated financial need or other special circumstances; and

   d) be New Zealand citizens or permanent residents.

   2.2. Offers of a Scholarship will be conditional upon the recipient gaining a minimum Merit endorsement on their NCEA Level 3 certificate, or equivalent.

3. Value

   3.1. The Scholarship will have a value of up to $2,000, paid in cash.

   3.2. The Scholarship will be paid directly to the recipient in two equal sums after the withdrawal period for each semester.

   3.2.1. Payment of the second instalment is conditional on the recipient passing all examined work in A Semester papers and their continued enrolment in an undergraduate law programme at the University of Waikato.

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\(^1\) Students who have taken a ‘gap year’ in 2018 and who meet the eligibility criteria can also apply.

\(^2\) Students enrolling in a conjoint degree must undertake the full first-year Law programme (LAWS103, LAWS106 and LAWS107).

\(^3\) The Cambridge International Examinations (CIE) or the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma with an appropriate number of points (as detailed in Appendix A).
4. Application

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

4.2. Along with the prescribed application form, each applicant must submit:
   a) a personal statement of no more than one A4 page (using the template provided), which includes the following subheadings:
      - Reasons for choosing proposed course of study
      - Academic background and/or work/life experience
      - Community involvement
   b) a satisfactorily completed Financial Hardship Statement.
   c) a CV (maximum two A4 pages in length);
   d) a character reference addressing the candidate’s suitability for this particular Scholarship (who may not be a family member)
   e) a full NCEA School Results Summary or equivalent.

5. Selection

5.1. The Selection Panel will comprise at least three members of the Te Piringa – Faculty of Law Student Admissions Committee and the Faculty’s representative on the Scholarships Committee.

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

5.3. The Selection Panel’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 the Letter of Offer.

6.2. Recipients must have met all eligibility requirements prior to enrolment (see clause 2. Eligibility).

6.3. If any recipient declines a Scholarship, or does not take it up, the Selection Panel reserves the right to offer the Scholarship to another applicant.

6.4. The Scholarship will have a maximum tenure of one year and must be taken up in the year for which it is offered.

6.5. Any exception or variation to these arrangements must be approved by the Selection Panel.
7. Other Conditions

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

7.2. The Scholarships Committee may terminate a Scholarship at any time if it is not satisfied that the holder is following the approved programme of study or is not otherwise 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 Education Committee against any decision to terminate the Scholarship.

7.3. By accepting a Scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato.
# APPENDIX A – CIE AND IB EQUIVALENCES

## NCEA Level 2 with Merit endorsement

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<td>170 points on the UCAS(^4) tariff, at AS or A level in four subjects, with at least 30 points in each of those four subjects</td>
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## NCEA Level 2 with Excellence endorsement

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\(^4\) Universities & Colleges Admissions Service