The Frank and Alma Kemp Scholarship – 2022

The Frank and Alma Kemp Scholarship recognises that for many prospective students from the East Coast Region, family and financial circumstances may hinder their opportunity to study at University. Frank and Alma Kemp lived on the East Coast for most of their lives and were very focussed on education opportunities for their own children, as well as helping other parents in the community to find education opportunities for their children within the limited options available. This Scholarship commemorates Frank and Alma Kemp’s commitment to the East Coast and its families. The Scholarship was established in 2018 and was made possible through the generous donation of their daughter, Liz Kemp. The Scholarship will be awarded annually to school-leavers from any New Zealand secondary school, who would normally reside in the East Coast region. It will primarily be offered on the basis of evidence of academic readiness (NCEA Level 2 results), leadership, and strong community spirit.

1. Purpose
   1.1. The Scholarship was established to make the University of Waikato accessible to students from the East Coast region who show strong academic ability, leadership/community spirit, and motivation to study. It is particularly for those who otherwise may not be able to attend university due to financial constraints.

2. Eligibility
   2.1. To be eligible, candidates must:
       a) reside in the East Coast region of New Zealand, with preference given to those applicants who reside in the Opotiki to Te Araroa area;
       b) be studying at NCEA Level 3 (or equivalent) towards University Entrance at any New Zealand secondary school in the year prior to tenure;
       c) be intending to enrol full-time (a full-time academic year comprises 120 points) in an undergraduate degree programme¹ at the University of Waikato for the first time² in 2022; and
       d) be a New Zealand citizen.
   2.2. Candidates who are taking ONE ‘gap year’ in the year of application may also be considered, provided they have achieved both NCEA Level 2 and NCEA Level 3 (or equivalent) and meet the rest of the eligibility criteria.
   2.3. To maintain eligibility, students offered the Scholarship must:
       a) gain University Entrance;
       b) be accepted into an undergraduate degree programme at the University of Waikato;

¹ This does not include diplomas, certificates, etc. However, candidates whose degree structure requires them to enrol in an alternative programme of study in the year of tenure can request special consideration by emailing scholarships@waikato.ac.nz.
² Candidates who have undertaken Unistart papers at the University of Waikato are not excluded by this clause.
c) enrol full-time as outlined in Clause 2.1.c; and

d) achieve passing results in all of their enrolled papers.

3. **Value and Tenure**

3.1. The value of each Scholarship will be **$5,000** per year for a maximum of three years.

3.2. The Scholarship will be paid in two equal instalments (the first after the withdrawal date for A Trimester and the second after the withdrawal date for B Trimester).

3.3. The tenure of the Scholarship is for the duration of the recipient’s undergraduate degree up to a maximum of three years, with continued eligibility dependent on meeting Clause 2.3 above.

3.4. In their first year, recipients enrolled at the Hamilton campus will have the Scholarship credited towards their accommodation in either Bryant Hall or Student Village. Recipients enrolled at the Tauranga campus will have the Scholarship credited towards their accommodation in the University’s Tauranga residential accommodation.

3.5. For the second and third year of the recipient’s undergraduate degree, the Scholarship will be credited towards either the recipient’s accommodation in the University’s Halls of Residence or their tuition fees.

4. **Application**

4.1. The closing date for online applications is **1 October each year**.

4.2. As part of the online application process, each candidate must submit:

   a) A Personal Statement (using the prescribed template) that sets out the following:
      
      o Proposed course of study and future career plans
      o Recent and current community involvement
      o Any other information of relevance to the Selection Panel (e.g., first in family to attend university, description of financial need and/or personal circumstances, etc.)

   b) A CV (no more than three A4 pages).

   c) An up-to-date copy of their NCEA School Results Summary.

4.3. Each candidate must also request the submission of:

   a) An online Academic Assessment which is to be completed by the candidate’s Secondary School Principal or their nominee; and
   b) A reference attesting to the candidate’s character. The referee must not be an immediate member of the applicant’s family.

5. **Selection Panel and Criteria**

5.1. The Selection Panel will comprise the Chair of the Scholarships Committee (or nominee) in the Chair, the Sponsor and/or their nominee, and a Divisional/Faculty representative of the Scholarships Committee (appointed by the Chair).
5.2. In awarding the Scholarship, the Selection Panel will take into consideration all or some of the following: academic readiness (based on NCEA Level 2 results), leadership/community roles, and financial need/personal circumstances (for example, first in family to study at university).

5.3. Preference will be given to applicants who reside in the Opotiki to Te Araroa region and who demonstrate academic ability, with consideration given to those who demonstrate serious financial hardship and/or exceptional personal circumstances.

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

5.5. The Selection Panel's decisions are final and no further correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

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

6. Other Conditions

6.1. Successful applicants will be advised of the offer of a Scholarship via their MyWaikato portal and must accept the offer by the prescribed date or the offer will lapse.

6.2. Recipients must remain enrolled full-time for the period of tenure. Should a recipient withdraw from any papers, without adding sufficient papers to maintain an overall enrolment in a minimum of 120 points for the academic year, the University may ask for the Scholarship to be repaid.

6.3. Recipients who take up this Scholarship are expected to complete at least four trimesters of study at the University of Waikato. Those who withdraw their enrolment before the end of this period will normally be required to pay back the full sum of monies received.

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

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

6.6. 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, 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.

6.7. The Scholarship is not refundable to the student under any circumstances, although (in the case of fees payments) a student who withdraws from the University may (under the provisions of the Fees Regulations) apply for a refund of tuition fees paid that were not covered by the Scholarship.

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3 See Code of Student Conduct.
6.8. By accepting the Scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato or Sponsor.

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