The Ian McLaren Memorial Scholarship was established in 2017 and supports students undertaking an undergraduate programme in Education at the University of Waikato. Professor McLaren was a long serving staff member in Education and was instrumental in establishing both the three-year teaching programme and later the Bachelor of Education (BEd). He also took a lead role in the amalgamation of Hamilton Teachers’ College with The University of Waikato. Professor McLaren was awarded Professor Emeritus in 1993.

1. **Eligibility**
   
   1.1. To be eligible for consideration for this Scholarship, applicants must:
      
   1.1.1. be enrolled full-time (a full academic year comprises of 120-points), in the second or consecutive year of an undergraduate programme, in the Division of Education at the University of Waikato in the year of tenure;
      
   1.1.2. have achieved a minimum GPA average of B+ calculated on the last 120-points; and
      
   1.1.3. have not previously received this Scholarship.

1.2. The Scholarship is open to New Zealand citizens, permanent residents, and international students.

   1.2.1. International students must have completed at least 120-points study at the University of Waikato.

2. **Value**

   2.1. The value of the Scholarship will be $3,000 and paid directly into the recipient's bank account, in one lump sum in the year of tenure.

3. **Application**

   3.1. The closing date for applications is **1 August each year**

   3.2. Along with completing the online application form, each applicant must:

      a) Submit a one-page statement using the subheadings below:

         (i) future career aspirations
         (ii) an outline of their interest in education and its relationship to society
         (iii) community involvement and extracurricular activities.

   3.3. Request an academic reference to be sent directly to scholarships@waikato.ac.nz.
4. **Selection Criteria**

4.1. Preference will be given to applicants enrolled in an undergraduate programme related to the study of education and its relationship to society.

4.2. The high academic achievement of the applicant.

4.3. The applicant’s statement is well written and makes a strong case that addresses Section 3.2 a) (i), (ii) and (iii).

4.4. The application is endorsed by the relevant Programme Leader.

5. **Selection Panel**

5.1. The Selection Panel will comprise Division of Education Associate Dean (Academic), the Division’s representative on the Scholarships Committee (in the Chair), and a senior academic appointed by the PVC of Education (or nominees).

5.2. The Selection Panel may refrain from making a recommendation if it finds no candidate 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 the Scholarship must be accepted by the date indicated in the offer or the offer shall lapse.

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

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

7. **Other Conditions**

7.1. The scholarship may be held together with any award, unless the conditions of the 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 of Sponsor into disrepute\(^1\), 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. By accepting the Scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the award arranged by the University of Waikato.

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.

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\(^1\) See Code of Student Conduct.