This Scholarship was established in 2010 by the Waikato Students’ Union to acknowledge, celebrate, and support undergraduate students who have never had an immediate family member attend a New Zealand university.

1. **Eligibility**
   1.1. To be eligible, applicants must be:
       a) enrolled full-time at the University of Waikato in their final year of an undergraduate degree,
       b) a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident, and
       c) the first member of their immediate family to attend a New Zealand university.
   1.2. For the purposes of this Scholarship, ‘immediate family members’ will be defined as:
       - Parents
       - Stepparents
       - Siblings (including half siblings, step siblings and adopted siblings)
   1.3. Current members of the Waikato Students’ Union Executive, or employees of the Waikato Students’ Union who hold a fixed-term or continuing contract, are not eligible to apply for this Scholarship.

2. **Value**
   2.1. The value of the Scholarship will be up to $2,000 and will be paid in a lump sum directly to the recipient.
   2.2. It is expected that this award will be used to help defray course and living costs.

3. **Application**
   3.1. The closing date for applications is 30 May.
   3.2. Applicants must include the following information with their applications:
       a) a personal statement addressing:
           - the decision/reason to attend university
           - explaining any hardships or difficulties faced in accessing tertiary education
       b) a brief CV (no more than four A4 pages in length),
       c) a statement of confirmation only, as outlined in clause 1.1c, and
       d) a character reference, which must be provided by a non-family member (to be sent directly to the Scholarships Office)
4. **Selection Criteria**

4.1. In selecting the recipients for this Scholarship, the Selection Panel will take into consideration the applicants’ supporting documentation outlining their eligibility for the Scholarship, as per clause 3.2 above.

5. **Selection Panel**

5.1. The Selection Panel will comprise the President of the Waikato Students’ Union (in the Chair), the Vice President of the Waikato Students’ Union, one Director of the Waikato Students’ Union as nominated by the President, and a representative of the University of Waikato Scholarships Committee (as nominated by the Chair of the Scholarships Committee).

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

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

6. **Awarding**

6.1. The Scholarship will have a maximum tenure of one year.

6.2. Applicants may receive this Scholarship on one occasion only.

6.3. On the recommendation of the Selection Panel, the Scholarship may be shared.

6.4. All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application as soon as practicable following the selection meeting.

7. **Other Conditions**

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

7.2. The Scholarships Executive may terminate the Scholarship at any time and recoup any funds awarded, if it is not satisfied that the recipient is following the required programme or is not otherwise complying with the conditions governing the Scholarship and/or the regulations of the University of Waikato.

7.3. The recipient of a Scholarship shall have the right to appeal to the Education Committee against any decision to terminate the award.

7.4. By accepting the Scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the award arranged by the Waikato Students’ Union or the University of Waikato, and agrees to attend a presentation ceremony to collect the award.