The WSU Scholarship for Cultural Contribution was established to recognise and celebrate students who demonstrate outstanding cultural contribution to the University of Waikato.

1. **Eligibility**
   1.1. To be eligible, applicants must:
   a) have **completed at least 120 points of study at the University of Waikato**, at the time of application;
   b) be enrolled part- or full-time in the second year or above of their qualification at the University of Waikato; and
   c) be a New Zealand citizen, permanent residents or international student.

   1.2. 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 $2,500** and will be paid directly into the recipient’s bank account in one lump sum in the year of tenure.

   2.2. It is expected that the Scholarship 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 brief CV (no more than 4 A4 pages in length);
   b) a personal statement (using the prescribed template) addressing the selection criteria outlined in clauses 4.2 and 4.3 below; and
   c) two referees’ reports supporting their cultural contribution to the University of Waikato to be sent directly to the Scholarships Office.

4. **Selection Panel and Criteria**
   4.1. 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).

   4.2. Selections will be based on outstanding cultural contribution to the University of Waikato.
4.3. Cultural contribution will be assessed on the following:
   a) contributions of an ethnic nature, and/or
   b) artistic contribution, and/or
   c) involvement in promoting and enhancing activities that add to the student experience on campus.

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

5. Awarding
5.1. The Scholarship will have a maximum tenure of one year.
5.2. Applicants may receive this Scholarship on one occasion only.
5.3. On the recommendation of the Selection Panel, the Scholarship may be shared.
5.4. All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application as soon as practicable following the selection meeting.

6. Other Conditions
6.1. The Scholarship may be held together with any scholarship, award or prize unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.
6.2. 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 or the University 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 the Scholarship shall have the right to appeal to the Scholarships Executive against any decision to terminate the Scholarship.
6.3. By accepting an Scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the Waikato Students’ Union or the University of Waikato, and agrees to attend a presentation ceremony to collect the Scholarship
6.4. The Scholarships Committee may, from time to time, vary these regulations.

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