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 (one full-time year of academic 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. The amount offered is at the discretion of the Selection Panel and will be based on criteria such as, but not limited to, total available funding, period of enrolment, grades, financial need, number of credits enrolled, number of applicants.

   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** annually.

   3.2. Applicants must include the following information with their applications:
      a) a brief CV (no more than two 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, the General Manager of the Waikato Students’ Union 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. In accepting the Scholarship, the recipient will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship and the Scholarships Policy.

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

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

5.5. 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 not be held together with WSU John Houstoun Memorial Award or the WSU Sole Parent/Caregiver Award but may be held with any other 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, 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 the Scholarship shall have the right to appeal to the Scholarships Executive against any decision to terminate the Scholarship.

6.3. By accepting a Scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the Waikato Students’ Union or the

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1 See Code of Student Conduct.
University of Waikato, and agrees to attend a presentation ceremony to collect the Scholarship

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