

UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO BLUES AWARDS JUDGING & ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

All nominees must:

1. be enrolled at the University of Waikato during the qualifying period (1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026);
and
2. must have completed a minimum of 45 points over the qualifying period (1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026);
 - 2.1. In some circumstances, the judges may consider exceptions when structure of enrolment or commitments to pinnacle events do not allow the athlete/artist to complete the minimum credits outlined.
3. have made achievements that must fall within the qualifying period (1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026).
 - 3.1. Recognition cannot be given for achievements obtained prior to enrolment with the University of Waikato.
4. The Long Service Award and the Outstanding Contribution to Enhancing Performance Award are exempt from these criteria.

JUDGING PANEL

The judging panel will consist of:

- High Performance Student Scholarship Manager
- A representative from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Māori office
- Head of School, Sport and Human Movement of Sport (or nominee)
- A representative from a national sporting organization
- Head of School, Te Kura Toi School of Arts (or nominee)
- A representative from a regional arts organisation

The Panel's decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into.

AWARD CRITERIA

The following is a list of criteria to be used by the University of Waikato Blues Judging Panel as a guide for awarding University of Waikato Blues Awards.

Sporting or Creative and Performing Arts Blue

A University of Waikato student who has achieved one or more of the following will be considered for a University of Waikato Blue:

Regional Achievement/s

- Competed for a Senior Regional Representative Team at the Sports' National Championships **and gained a team placing, named recognition** (such as MVP, Golden Boot, member of the tournament team), or **medaled in an individual event**.

National Achievement/s

- Composition/Screen Media Output/Performance accepted into National Festival
- Finalist in National competition
- Placing with National Organisation
- Perform or play key role in a national performance
- Competed for a Senior Provincial Franchise Team (professional or semi-professional)

International Achievement/s

- Composition, Screen Media Output or Performance accepted into International Festival
- Other successes on the international stage
- Gaining a place at an international summer school with restricted entry
- Acceptance into an international competition with entry by audition
- Any prize-winning in an international competition
- Competed for a Senior National Representative team in a significant International Event.
- An age group medalist at a significant International Event.

Major Awards

The below Major Awards will only be awarded if relevant criteria are met.

Emerging Talent Award for Sport or Creative and Performing Arts

- Emerging Talent Award is presented to a maximum of two people each year (one for sport and one for creative and performing arts), who is under 20 years of age (as of the end date of the qualifying period), in the first year of their tertiary study (have completed no more than 120 pts at any tertiary institution) and who is judged to have the most promising career in their sport or creative and performing arts discipline.

Sportsman of the Year

- The most prestigious sports awards presented within the University to the male student who in the opinion of the judging panel have the most outstanding performance record at their sport during the stated period.

Sportswoman of the Year

- The most prestigious sports awards presented within the University to the female student who in the opinion of the judging panel have the most outstanding performance record at their sport during the stated period.

Creative and Performing Arts Person of the Year

- The most prestigious creative and performing arts award awarded within the University. It is presented to the student who, in the opinion of the judging panel have performed outstandingly at their creative or performing arts during the year in question.

Don Llewellyn Sports Team of the Year

- The Team of the Year is a meritorious award only presented if the team has achieved as per the sporting blue criteria or the achievement is significantly “historic” for the University of Waikato. The award is only presented if the criteria is met, there is a maximum of one award per year.

Creative and Performing Arts Group of the Year

- The Creative and Performing Arts Group of the Year is a meritorious award only presented if the team has achieved as per the creative and performing arts blue criteria or the achievement is significantly “historic” for the University of Waikato. The award is only presented if the criteria is met, there is a maximum of one award per year.

Pou Ahurea (Māori Person of the Year)

- This 'taonga' is presented to the Māori person (iwi must be shown in Details section of nomination) who is judged to be supreme in their achievements in sport or in the creative and performing arts.

Outstanding Contribution to Enhancing Performance Award

- The Outstanding Contribution to Enhancing Performance Award recognises a person who is coaching, tutoring, administering, managing, directing, refereeing or officiating, etc. and will often be a combination of the above.
- The recipient will have made a significant contribution to the performance of a University of Waikato student or team or an individual or team that is linked to the University community such as secondary schools.
- Students and non-students are eligible, and this award recognises achievement in sport as well as the creative and performing arts. Please note that University staff undertaking this role as part of their employment are not eligible for this Award.

The Judges' decisions will be based on the following:

- Contribution to the development or success of the composition, screen media output, performance, organisation or event
- Role and duties emphasizing their contribution to the development of the composition, screen media output, performance, organisation or event
- The skills that they have brought to the composition, screen media output, performance, organisation or event
- Impact on the composition, screen media output, performance, organisation or event
- The level of composition, screen media output, performance, organisation or event
- Contribution to performing arts and culture or sport at the University of Waikato

Long Service Award

- The Long Service Award is presented to a maximum of one person each year to acknowledge long voluntary service, for a minimum of ten years, to sport or the creative and performing arts that has positively influenced a University of Waikato club or the campus community. This award can only be awarded once to the same person.