The Colin Davey Scholarship in Music – 2027

THE UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO
Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato

The Colin Davey Scholarship in Music was established in 2025 from a generous bequest by the late Colin Lester Davey. The funds are held and overseen by the Public Trust with the University receiving a share each year via the University of Waikato Foundation. One Scholarship will be awarded annually in perpetuity.

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1. Purpose

1.1. The Scholarship was established to enable highly talented and dedicated students studying music with performance and/or musical composition components.

2. Eligibility and Selection Criteria

2.1. **To be eligible, applicants must meet all the following criteria:**

2.1.1. have completed at least 120-points of study at the University of Waikato.

2.1.2. have achieved a minimum of a B grade-point-average in their most recent 120-points of study.

2.1.3. be currently enrolled at the University of Waikato in a Bachelor of Music, Master of Music or Doctor of Music that includes a performance and/or musical composition component.

2.1.4. show talent and dedication to music and to furthering the study of music, as well as display future promise and all-round qualities.

2.1.5. be eligible for domestic fees status (i.e., be a NZ Citizen, NZ Permanent Resident, NZ Resident Class Visa holder, or Australian Citizen/Permanent Resident domiciled in NZ) or be an international fees-paying student.

2.2. Previous applicants and recipients may apply again in future rounds, but preference will be given to new applicants.

2.3. **Selection will be based on all following criteria:**

2.3.1. academic merit.

2.3.2. a short synopsis of their musical performance and /or musical composition to date.

2.3.3. likelihood of music being used in future study/career plans as well as the applicant's dedication to music and furthering the study of music.

2.4. **To maintain eligibility**, recipients must remain enrolled full-time in the relevant programme of study during the tenure of the Scholarship.

3. Value, Tenure and Awarding

3.1. The Scholarship will have a value of **$8,000** and will be allocated as follows:

3.1.1. **$5,500** will be credited directly to the recipients University of Waikato tuition fees (not including Student Services Fee) in the year of tenure.

3.1.2. **$2,500** will be paid directly to the recipient as soon as possible after acceptance of the Scholarship offer and on the condition of clause 2.4 being met.

3.2. The Scholarship will have a tenure of one year.

3.3. The successful applicant will be advised of the offer of a Scholarship through their MyWaikato portal and must accept the offer by the date indicated or the offer will lapse.

3.4. The Scholarships Committee may, from time to time, vary these regulations.

4. Application

4.1. The closing date for online applications is **15 March annually.**

4.2. As part of the online application process, each applicant must complete:

4.2.1. A Personal Statement that sets out the following:

a) A 500-word synopsis of their musical performance and/or musical composition to date.

b) Why completing their studies in music is important to the applicant and their future study/career plans.

c) The applicant's dedication to music and to furthering the study of music.

d) Any other information that may be of relevance to the Selection Panel.

4.2.2. A brief CV (no more than two A4 pages).

4.3. Each applicant must also request the submission of a confidential character reference detailing future promise and all-round qualities of the candidate, and anything else deemed relevant.

5. Selection Panel

5.1. The Selection Panel will comprise the Chair of the Scholarships Committee (or nominee) in the Chair, an academic staff member in Music (appointed by the Head of School of Arts), and the Convenor of Music (or nominee).

5.2. The Selection Panel may contact referees on a confidential basis for further relevant information.

5.3. The Selection Panel may refrain from making a recommendation if it finds no candidate(s) of sufficient merit in that year.

5.4. The Selection Panel's decisions are final, and no correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

6. Other Conditions

6.1. The Scholarship may be held in conjunction with any other Scholarship, Award or Prize, unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.

6.2. Recipients should seek independent financial advice about any tax implications of their scholarship.

6.3. In accepting the Scholarship, the recipient will be deemed to have:

6.3.1. read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship and the Scholarships Policy.

6.3.2. agreed to participate in any publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato and/or the Donor.

6.3.3. agreed that the donor (Public Trust) will be sent a report on the recipient(s) of the award.

6.4. Through the School of Graduate Research, the University monitors recipients' performance and reserves the right to impose further conditions where a recipient's performance is unsatisfactory.

6.5. Should a recipient withdraw from any papers, without adding sufficient papers to maintain an overall enrolment in a minimum of 120-points for the academic year, the University may ask for the Scholarship to be repaid.

6.6. 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 Donor into disrepute[1], or is otherwise not complying with the regulations governing the Scholarship and/or the University of Waikato. The holder of a Scholarship will have the right to appeal to the Scholarships Executive against any decision to terminate the award.

6.7. The Scholarships Committee may, from time to time, vary these regulations.

[1] See Code of Student Conduct.