

The Niklas Werner Memorial Scholarship (formerly the Niklas Werner Memorial Prize between 2005-2022) was established by the Werner Family (Berlin, Germany) and the (then) Music Department in memory of doctoral student Niklas Werner. Niklas passed away on Mt Aspiring in January 2005. The Scholarship recognises the outstanding achievement of students studying in areas such as interactive music systems, multi-user net-based music, sonic art, electroacoustic music or music technology, all areas in which Niklas was interested.

The funds are held in trust by the University of Waikato Foundation, and one scholarship will be awarded each year until 2031 when it is anticipated that the funds will be fully depleted.

1. Purpose

- 1.1. The Scholarship provides financial support to promising students studying a qualification in music at the University of Waikato

2. Eligibility and Selection Criteria

- 2.1. **To be eligible for consideration**, candidates must:
 - 2.1.1. have completed at least 120-points of study at the University of Waikato.
 - 2.1.2. be intending to enrol in the second year or above in one of the following qualifications:
 - a) Bachelor of Music
 - b) Bachelor of Music (Honours)
 - c) Bachelor of Arts in Music
 - d) Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Music; or
 - e) the first year of a Master of Music
 - 2.1.3. have achieved at least a B+ grade-point-average (GPA) in their most recent 120-points of full- time study at the University of Waikato.
 - 2.1.4. be eligible for domestic fees status (i.e., be a NZ Citizen, NZ Permanent Resident, NZ Resident Class Visa holder, or an Australian Citizen/Permanent Resident domiciled in NZ) or be an international student.
- 2.2. **Selection will be based on:**
 - 2.2.1. academic excellence.
 - 2.2.2. commitment and intention to succeed in university study.
 - 2.2.3. alignment with areas of interest and aspirations of Niklas Werner as outlined in the preamble above.
- 2.3. **To maintain eligibility recipients must during the scholarship tenure:**
 - 2.3.1. Enrol and remain enrolled full-time (i.e. 120 points) in the year of tenure.

3. Value, Tenure and Awarding

- 3.1. The Scholarship will have a value of **\$10,000** and will be paid as follows:
 - 3.1.1. **\$5,000** paid directly towards tuition fees (excluding Students Services Fee) in the year of tenure; and
 - 3.1.2. **\$5,000** cash lump sum to be paid directly to the recipient after the withdrawal date for A Trimester in year of tenure.
- 3.2. The tenure of the Scholarship is one calendar year (i.e. January to December inclusive).

- 3.3. The successful applicant will be advised of the offer of a Scholarship via their MyWaikato portal and must accept the offer by the prescribed date or the offer will lapse.
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4. Application

- 4.1. The closing date for online applications is **15 October each year**.
- 4.2. As part of the online application process, each applicant must provide information on the following:
 - a) why completing a qualification in music is important to them and their future ambitions.
 - b) how their study aligns with the areas of interest of Niklas Werner.
 - c) any other information that may be of relevance to the Selection Panel.
- 4.3. As part of the application process, the applicant must also request the submission of a confidential academic reference.

5. Selection Panel

- 5.1. The Selection Panel will comprise the Division of Arts, Law, Psychology and Social Sciences Scholarships Committee Representative (in the Chair), the Convenor of Music and at least one academic staff member from the School of Music (nominated by the Head of School).
- 5.2. The Selection Panel may refrain from making a decision if it finds no applicants(s) of sufficient merit.
- 5.3. The Selection Panel's decisions are final, and no further 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. 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.
- 6.3. If a recipient is in receipt of a student allowance, another scholarship, or any type of financial assistance, it is their responsibility to check their entitlement to other income and any tax implications.
- 6.4. In accepting the Scholarship, the recipient will be deemed to have:
 - 6.4.1. read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship, and the [Scholarships Policy](#).
 - 6.4.2. agreed to participate in any publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato
- 1.1. 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 disrepute¹, 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.
- 1.2. The Scholarships Committee may, from time to time, vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.

¹ See [Code of Student Conduct](#).