

The University of Waikato Squash Scholarship was established in 2017 through the partnership between the University of Waikato and the University of Waikato Campus Squash Club. It is funded by the old University Squash Club through funds now held by the University of Waikato Foundation. The purpose of the Scholarship is to foster excellence in high performance squash and to strengthen partnerships with community and national sporting bodies. One University of Waikato Squash Scholarship will be awarded annually until all the funds are used (likely 2032).

1. Eligibility and Selection Criteria

- 1.1. **To be eligible**, applicants must:
 - 1.1.1. be a member of a New Zealand Squash Federation affiliated club and/or playing representative squash for Waikato or Bay of Plenty in the year of tenure;
 - 1.1.2. be enrolled part- or full-time in an undergraduate or graduate programme of study at the University of Waikato in the year of tenure;
 - 1.1.3. be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident.
- 1.2. Previous recipients of this Scholarship may apply but must have achieved a minimum grade average of B in their most recent 120 points of study to be considered. The scholarship may only be held for a maximum of three years.
- 1.3. **Selection will be based on:**
 - 1.3.1. academic merit; and
 - 1.3.2. sporting achievements in squash
 - 1.3.3. leadership potential and/or community involvement.
- 1.3.4. Preference will be given to those applicants who are considered by the Selection Panel to be genuine prospects for future representation-level Squash in the Waikato and/or the Bay of Plenty and/or New Zealand.

2. Value, Tenure and Awarding

- 2.1. The Scholarship will have a value of **\$2,000** and will be paid directly to the recipient as soon as practicable after awarding.
- 2.2. Successful applicants 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.
- 2.3. In accepting the Scholarship, the recipient will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship and the [Scholarships Policy](#).
- 2.4. The Scholarship will have a tenure of one year.

3. Application

- 3.1. The closing date for online applications is **31 March** annually.
- 3.2. As part of the online application process, each applicant must complete the online application form that includes:
 - 3.2.1. A personal statement (outlining:
 - a. why they are applying for the Scholarship and what the funding will be used for;

- b. their achievements in squash to date;
 - c. their future squash performance goals; and
 - d. any leadership roles and/or community involvement;
- 3.2.2. Upload a curriculum vitae (maximum two A4 pages, including details of any squash awards and/or media coverage);
- 3.2.3. Seek submission of a reference from a person or agency relevant to the applicant's squash, attesting to the applicant's squash abilities, potential to further excel, and leadership qualities and potential. This person or agency cannot be a direct relative of the applicant.
- 3.2.4. **Any applicants who will be enrolling at the University of Waikato for the first time in the year of tenure must also provide either a copy of their most recent secondary school results or if they have previously attended another tertiary institution, a verified copy of their academic transcript from that institution.**
- 3.2.5.

4. Selection Panel

- 4.1. The Selection Panel will comprise the Division of Health, Engineering, Computing and Science representative on the Scholarships Committee (as Chair), the University of Waikato High Performance Student Scholarship Manager, and the University of Waikato Sport and Event Coordinator (or nominees).
- 4.2. The Selection Panel may refrain from making a recommendation if it finds no suitable candidates.
- 4.3. The Selection Panel's decisions are final and no correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

5. Other Conditions

- 5.1. The Scholarship is co-tenable with any other award, unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.
- 5.2. The Scholarships Committee may terminate this Scholarship at any time, and recoup any funds disbursed, if the holder withdraws from the University of Waikato during the tenure of the Scholarship, brings the Scholarship or the University into disrepute¹, or is otherwise not complying with the regulations governing the Scholarship. The holder of a Scholarship will have the right to appeal to the Scholarships Executive against any decision to terminate the award.
- 5.3. 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.
- 5.4. The Scholarships Committee has the power to amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
- 5.5. By accepting the Scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato.

¹ See [Code of Student Conduct](#).