

KEIR TRUST STUDY AWARD

CLOSING DATE: 23 SEPTEMBER 2011

The purpose of The Keir Trust Study Awards is to encourage students facing financial barriers to undertake studies at AUT by offering financial assistance and ongoing non-financial support, and to actively encourage recipients to act as role models for other young people in their school/community.

AMOUNT AND TYPE OF AWARD

- The number of new awards will be determined annually.
- The values of the Awards are as follows:
 - The Keir Trust AUT Auckland Study Award (open to students in the Auckland area) will be for an amount of up to \$10,000 over three years, made up of \$4,000 in each of years 1 and 2, and \$2,000 in year 3.
 - The Keir Trust AUT Regional Study Award (open to students outside the Auckland area) will be for an amount of up to \$15,000 over three years, made up of \$6,000 in each of years 1 and 2, and \$3,000 in year 3.
- Students who apply for a programme of less than 3 years will be funded on a pro rata basis.

TENURE

- The tenure of the awards is for a maximum of three years. The awards will be paid on a semester basis subject to satisfactory performance in the prior semester and continued eligibility for a student allowance or other welfare benefit.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- The Keir Trust Application Form.
- Information from the applicant regarding financial hardship
- Written recommendation from a school principal and/or an independent referee. Recommendations should:
 - Confirm that the applicant would have no realistic opportunity of university study without this study award because of financial barriers.
 - Show how the applicant's personal attributes match those listed in the Study Award criteria.
 - Comment on the applicant's role model potential.
 - Indicate whether the referee thinks that the applicant has the determination and ability to succeed in their chosen area of study.
 - Provide any other relevant information.

CRITERIA

- The awards are open to students who have no realistic opportunity to study at AUT without the award.
- Award applicants must:
 - Be NZ citizens or permanent residents.
 - Be able to demonstrate through their application that they have the desire, determination and ability to succeed in their chosen area of study.
 - Meet the desired AUT Programme entry requirements
 - act as a mentor to first year Keir Trust Award students during their second year of study.
 - Not (should they be successful), receive any other study grant or scholarship contemporaneously with The Keir Trust AUT award, unless it is with the express approval of The Keir Trust.
- Award applicants will be expected to attain a student allowance either before or during the year of study (subject to age limitation) or subject to being eligible for an alternative welfare allowance.

SELECTION

- Applications will be considered by a selection panel from The Keir Trust.
- Applicants will be shortlisted by the Trust and those shortlisted will be required to attend an interview.
- The decision of The Keir Trust Selection Committee will be final.
- Names of recipients may be forwarded, for information purposes, to the principal of the recipient's school where appropriate.
- Presentation of the award may be made to recipients at an appropriate occasion.

CONDITIONS OF ACCEPTANCE

- Recipients must be accepted into the programme of study selected and later satisfactorily complete all enrolment requirements.
- Recipients must be prepared to report back to school/community/Keir Trustees, where applicable on a regular basis (at least annually during course duration).
- Recipients will be part of AUT Peer Mentoring programme.
- Recipients must remain eligible for the student allowance throughout the tenure of this award.
- Regional study award recipients will be required to reside in a hall of residence designated by AUT during their first year of study. In the first year the award will be paid towards Halls of Residence fees.
- The award may not be held concurrently with any other bursary or scholarship, without the express approval of the Trustees.
- Study Awards will be paid on a semester basis.