

Sir Roy McKenzie AUT Deaf Scholarship

BACKGROUND

The award was established in recognition of AUT's contribution to the Deaf Community through training and education connected to NZSL users. The scholarship is funded by a gift from the JR McKenzie Trust Deaf Development Fund, which was founded by philanthropist Sir Roy McKenzie.

PURPOSE

To encourage and enable persons who are deaf and use NZ Sign Language to achieve a tertiary qualification by studying at Auckland University of Technology.

VALUE

- Two stipend scholarships are available annually being one undergraduate scholarship of \$3,000 and one postgraduate scholarship of \$5,000.

TENURE

- The scholarship is for one year of full-time study (120 points) or pro-rata for two years of part-time study (minimum of 60 points per year).
- Recipients of this scholarship are not eligible to apply for the scholarship again.

ELIGIBILITY

- Applicants to have a hearing level of 70 DB or more in better ear.
- The scholarship is open to students enrolling in the second or subsequent year of a Bachelor's degree, or enrolling in a Postgraduate Diploma or Postgraduate degree programme.
- Applicants must be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Application for this scholarship is online through the online AUT scholarships portal. Applicants will be asked to upload: A personal statement in NZSL (60 seconds) and written English (600 words max) to explain what you plan to study, any future academic or career goals, and why you believe you should receive this scholarship. Involvement in extra-curricular activities and participation in the Deaf community will be of interest to the panel.
- Academic transcripts for any tertiary study completed at any institution other than AUT.
- A copy of your most recent audiogram or other professional verification of your hearing level

SELECTION PROCESS

- Applications will be considered by an AUT selection panel including a representative from the NZ Sign Language programme.
- The decision of the selection panel is final.
- Applicants will be formally notified of the outcome of their application by the Scholarships Office.
- If the panel is of the opinion that there is no applicant of sufficient merit applying for the scholarship, then no award will be made and applications may be reopened.

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

- The award of this scholarship is conditional on the student being enrolled in an eligible programme at AUT. A minimum of 60 points per year must be undertaken if studying part-time.
- The Scholarships Office on behalf of the University Scholarships Committee has the power to discontinue or suspend a scholarship if it receives an unsatisfactory report on the academic progress of a recipient or if the recipient has failed to comply with any of the conditions on which the Scholarship was awarded.
- The scholar may hold other scholarships with the approval of the Scholarships Office.
- Except in cases where there are compelling medical reasons or adverse personal circumstances beyond a student's control, the uptake of scholarships cannot be deferred.
- Scholars must be enrolled continuously in their programme of study during the year of award. Deferral and suspension requests must be made in writing to the Scholarships Office and will be approved only for compelling medical or personal circumstances.