

Speedy Family Foundation Scholarship

About Speedy Family Foundation

The Speedy Family Foundation was established by Bill and Lindsay Speedy following the success of their company, Oceanbridge Shipping Limited. Their Foundation is dedicated to supporting a broad range of charitable initiatives throughout New Zealand. In recognition of the importance of further education, the Foundation is proud to partner with AUT.

Purpose

The purpose of this scholarship is to provide opportunity and support to AUT students from disadvantaged backgrounds in Aotearoa New Zealand. The goal is to enable students to achieve academic success who may have otherwise faced barriers to furthering their education at University.

Tenure and Value

- The scholarship supports domestic students enrolled full-time (120 points per year) in their first year of a bachelor's degree programme at AUT.
- Two (2) scholarships of \$10,000 each are available, payable towards tuition fees.
- The scholarship is tenable for one academic year.

Eligibility Criteria

- Applicants must be domestic students (NZ Citizen, NZ Permanent Resident).
- At the time of application, applicants must be enrolled full-time (120 points per year) in their first year of a bachelor's degree programme at AUT.
- Applicants must be aged between 17 – 20 Years.

Application Requirements

Applicants must apply through the on-line AUT scholarship application portal and will be required to upload the following:

- A personal statement (up to 500 words) outlining why the applicant is applying for the scholarship, how the scholarship would benefit and impact them and what they hope to achieve in the future through completion of their degree.
- A brief CV (no more than two pages).
- Transcripts for tertiary study not completed at AUT.
- AUT academic records will be uploaded by the University Scholarships Office.

Reference

Applicants must provide the name of one character referee to support their application. The nominated referee will receive an email from the application portal with instructions for submitting their reference.

Conditions of shortlisting and selection

- Applicants will be reviewed by the University Scholarships Office who will confirm eligibility.
- The shortlisting and selection panel will comprise relevant AUT staff from appropriate faculties and student support areas.
- If the panel is of the opinion that there is no applicant of sufficient merit, the scholarship will not be awarded.

Conditions of acceptance

- Recipients must be enrolled full-time (120 points per year) in their first year of a bachelor's degree programme at AUT and remain enrolled in no fewer than 120 points per year for the duration of the scholarship.
- Permission to study fewer than 120 points will only be granted in exceptional circumstances, and the scholarship value will be reduced on a pro-rata basis where applicable.
- The scholarship will be paid as a contribution towards tuition fees.
- The scholarship may not be deferred, except where there are compelling medical reasons or adverse personal circumstances beyond the student's control.
- Requests for suspension or Leave of Absence after commencement will not normally be approved unless there are compelling medical or personal circumstances beyond the student's control. Any requests for deferral or suspension must be submitted in writing to the Scholarships Office.
- Students may appeal if they do not meet the scholarship conditions due to compelling circumstances. Appeals must be supported by the student's Academic Advisor and Faculty and will be considered once only during the tenure of the scholarship. Where a scholarship is reinstated following a successful appeal, the scholarship will not cover the cost of resitting failed paper(s).
- If a recipient fails to make satisfactory academic progress or breaches the conditions of the scholarship, the AUT Foundation and the sponsor may, following joint consultation, discontinue the scholarship and may require repayment of some or all of the scholarship funds received.