

## Waitakere College School of Business Scholarship

Auckland University of Technology, in partnership with Waitakere College School of Business, offers undergraduate scholarships that reward strong academic performance, leadership potential, and meaningful contributions to school, community, and cultural activities.

### CATEGORY OF SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship is offered to a high-achieving Waitakere College School of Business student who plans to begin a full-time undergraduate business degree at AUT in semester one of the year following application.

Applicants will be considered in the following categories:

- Students demonstrating academic excellence.
- Students demonstrating leadership and achievement at a high level in school, sporting, cultural pursuits and community involvement.
- Academically able students who are also experiencing financial hardship and other personal barriers making it difficult to undertake tertiary study.

### TENURE

The scholarship will cover the tuition fees for one student for their first year of study. Continuation of the scholarship into a second year of funding will be contingent upon the student's academic performance and overall success during the first year.

### AMOUNT AND TYPE OF SCHOLARSHIP

- The scholarship is to support domestic full-time study (120 points per year) in a Bachelor of Business degree programme at AUT, including conjoint options.
- One (1) scholarship of NZD \$8,000 per annum towards tuition fees.

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Applicants must be domestic students (NZ Citizen, NZ Permanent Resident or Resident Visa).
- Applicants must be currently studying a New Zealand secondary school qualification at Waitakere College.
- Applicants must be enrolling for the first time in a bachelor's Business degree programme at AUT.
- Applicants will be asked to provide their AUT Student ID in the box provided on the application form. This can be obtained by applying to a degree AUT.
- Applicants must enrol full-time (no less than 120pts per annum).

## **APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

Applicants must be Waitakere College School of Business students and apply through the online AUT scholarship application portal.

Applicants must submit a personal statement (maximum 500 words) addressing the following:

- Motivation for applying for the scholarship, including a genuine demonstration of financial need.
- Academic achievements, leadership qualities, and notable personal accomplishments.
- Career aspirations and goals following the completion of the business degree.

## **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.

The referee may be a teacher or school nominee, other mentor or person of standing in the community or employer. A close family member may not provide the reference.

Applicants are requested to ensure that their referees are aware of the scholarship deadline.

## **CONDITIONS OF SELECTION**

- Once applicant eligibility has been confirmed, the Scholarships Office will provide the list of eligible candidates to the selection panel for final consideration and recipient selection.
- Decisions of the selection panel are 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, the scholarship will not be awarded.

## **CONDITIONS OF ACCEPTANCE**

- The award of this scholarship is conditional on the student gaining entry to an AUT undergraduate Bachelor of Business degree programme, including conjoint options, for semester one of the year following application.
- Students will enrol in no less than 120pts each year during the tenure of the scholarship. Permission to study less than 120pts will only be given in exceptional circumstances. In such cases the value of the scholarship will be reduced pro-rata.
- The scholarship will be paid as a contribution towards tuition fees.
- This scholarship may not be held in conjunction with any other fees scholarship. The recipient may hold additional non-tuition fee scholarships with the approval of the Scholarships Office.
- A condition of the scholarship is that students agree to contribute back to WCSB as role models and mentors.
- By accepting the scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in a scholar profile if approached by AUT.
- 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.
- Recipients must be enrolled continuously in their programme of study. Suspensions or Leave of Absence for students who have already commenced their degree will not usually be approved unless there are compelling medical or personal circumstances beyond the student's control.
- Deferral and suspension requests must be made in writing to the Scholarships Office.