

# Scholarship & Award Regulations

## UMatter Awards

### Network(s) and Pathway(s): All

This document sets out the regulations for the scholarship ('Scholarship') or award ('Award') named below, as well as the obligations of recipients ('Recipient') and Unitec in regards to this Scholarship/Award. The administrative processes to support awarding this Scholarship/Award will be managed, and may be amended, in accordance with Unitec Policy and Procedures (to be created).

### 1. SCHOLARSHIP NAME: U Matter Awards

#### 2. PURPOSE

In response to the findings of the U Matter survey, Unitec has created the U Matter 2017 Award to support students facing financial difficulties to continue and succeed in their studies.

#### 3. VALUE AND DURATION

**3.1 Number of Recipients:** Up to sixty (60) awards will be granted in 2017

**3.2 Benefit(s) to Recipient:** The value of the Award will be up to \$1,000 in living expense vouchers or payments (petrol, grocery, transport, technology, childcare etc.)

#### 3.3 Payment of benefit(s):

- Each Recipient will receive two equal payments of voucher(s) over the course of Semester 2
- Recipients will indicate the type of vouchers/payment they would prefer from a list of potential vouchers provided in the application form (ie, petrol, grocery, transport, technology, childcare etc.)
- Payment will usually be distributed during week three of Semester 2 and the week following Semester 2 break.
- Payments are subject to the Recipient satisfying ongoing eligibility criteria as defined in clause 8 below.

**4. DURATION:** The duration of the Award is one semester. The Award cannot be deferred.

#### 5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible for the Award, an applicant must meet all of the following criteria:

- New Zealand citizen or holder of a New Zealand Permanent Resident visa
- Enrolled for at least 30 credits in a Level 3 or higher programme during Semester 2 of 2017; and

- Demonstrate Financial hardship – Applicants will be required to complete a budget form and provide evidence of financial need (study link student allowance, bank statement or internet banking printout); and
- Have paid student fees or arranged to pay student fees

## **6. RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA**

- Financial need
- Motivation to succeed in their chosen course, as demonstrated in the Scholarship application.
- In addition to Financial Need preference will be given to applicants who are able to demonstrate via the Award application one or more of the following characteristics:
  - Maori
  - Pacific
  - Under 25 years of age
  - Single Parent Responsibilities
  - First in family to pursue tertiary education
  - Refugee background
  - Progressed from a lower lever Unitec course or programme

## **7. SELECTION**

Eligible candidates will be presented to an Award Selection Committee, which will undertake the selection of Recipients based on the selection criteria stipulated in clause 6.

The Awards Selection Committee will be made up of at least three relevant members of the Unitec community, chaired by the Scholarship Manager. Offers will be authorised by the GM, Student Experience.

## **8. ONGOING RECIPIENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

### **8.1 Academic progress:**

N/A

### **8.2 Unitec Enrolment:**

The Recipient:

- must continue to be enrolled in at least 30 credits in a Level 3 or higher programme during Semester 2 of 2017.

### **8.3 Leave / Deferral / Programme withdrawal:**

- If the Recipient defers the Unitec offer or withdraws from the Unitec course/programme after the start of Semester 2, the Award will be terminated and any payment already made for the semester in which they withdraw may be required to be reimbursed to Unitec.

#### **8.4 Other obligations and conditions:**

- Recipients of the Award will be required to meet with Unitec's Budget Advisor once during the first 10 weeks of Semester 2.
- The offer of the Award is made subject to all information provided by the Recipient being true and accurate.
- By accepting the offer of the Award, each Recipient agrees to the Regulations.
- The offer of the Award is only valid for the intake defined in the Award letter of offer and cannot be deferred.

#### **9. TERMINATION OF RECIPIENT'S SCHOLARSHIP/AWARD**

The Award will terminate:

- If the Recipient ceases to meet the eligibility criteria; or
- If the Recipient breaches any regulations of the Award; or
- If Unitec determines that the student is guilty of misconduct and after consultation with the GM Student Experience (or their nominee), deems that it is not appropriate for the Recipient to continue to hold the Scholarship.