

## Scholarship & Award Regulations

### Diverse Gender Scholarship

The following regulations relate to a scholarship offered by Unitec New Zealand Limited (**Unitec**). By applying for the scholarship, you agree to be bound by these regulations.

#### 1. SCHOLARSHIP NAME: Diverse Gender Scholarship (“Scholarship”)

#### 2. PURPOSE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

**2.1** The purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage and support diverse gender students to pursue tertiary education at Unitec.

**2.2** Unitec is committed to providing an inclusive environment that celebrates diversity. One way to do this is by identifying and addressing barriers that diverse students face when engaged in tertiary study and this scholarship along with financial support is intended to address some of the unique barriers diverse gender students encounter.

**2.3** Unitec recognises that financial support is an important consideration for ākonga considering study. The scholarship provides financial and networking support, along with mentoring opportunities.

#### 3. SCHOLARSHIP FINANCIAL VALUE

**3.1** The value of the scholarship is \$2,000 for a full year of full-time study; or pro-rata for one semester full-time programmes.

**3.2** The scholarship is provided to learners to cover education related costs and is paid:

- in two equal payments of \$1,000.00 each semester; or
- where the student’s programme is only one semester long by one payment of \$1,000.00.

**3.3** A pro-rata value will also be considered for learners who need to study part-time because they are either disabled learners or have carers responsibilities as either sole parents or whanau/fanau members.

**3.4** You may not defer or suspend the scholarship without the prior written permission of the Director - Student Success.

**3.5** Once awarded for a particular programme and School, the Scholarship is not transferrable to another Unitec programme or School, without prior written approval.

**3.6** Scholarship Recipients may also apply for additional scholarship funding (Approx \$350) to change their name through Department of Internal Affairs.

#### 4. DURATION

**4.1** The scholarship is awarded for one year i.e., two semesters of consecutive study. Where a student is awarded the scholarship for a programme that lasts for one semester, then the duration of the scholarship is one semester only.

#### 5. WHO IS ELIGIBLE

**5.1** To apply, you must:

- Identify as outside the gender binary. This can include but is not limited to transgender, intersex, gender fluid, gender queer, gender questioning
- be a domestic student, i.e., a New Zealand citizen or Permanent Resident
- be currently enrolled in a programme from Level 3 to 8 (certificate, diploma, undergraduate degree, postgraduate certificate or diploma) that takes at least one semester of full-time study to complete.

## 6. HOW TO APPLY

**6.1** Apply online using the form provided:

**6.2** As part of your application you will need to respond to the following questions:

- why are you studying at Unitec and what are you hoping to do with your degree after you complete it?
- how will this scholarship help support you with your studies?
- Provide contact details for a referee who could tell us how this scholarship will benefit you

**6.3** If you are a disabled learner, sole parent, or a learner with other carer responsibilities, who is applying to study part-time, you will also be asked how does being able to study part-time remove barriers and help you to succeed in your goals?

## 7. SELECTION

**7.1** Once scholarship applications close, the Scholarships & Mentoring Team (“**Team**”) check that the applicants have:

- completed the online application and/or video submission
- enrolled to study a relevant course at Unitec; and
- enrolled as a New Zealand citizen or Permanent Resident

**7.2** The Team send all eligible applications out to the ALLY Network Scholarship Selection Committee for review.

**7.3** The number of scholarships awarded varies and is dependent on available funding.

## 8. COMMITTEE PREFERENCING

**8.1** It is important to Unitec to manaaki the success of our learners and communities. Our strategic vision includes parity goals for Māori, Pacific, and under 25 learners, and goals to enhance the success of disabled and neurodiverse learners. We also want to manaaki the success of first in family to pursue tertiary education, sole parents, and International students.

**8.2** Preference may be given to learners who demonstrate that financial support will have an impact on their ability to pursue their studies.

**8.3** Shortlisted applicants may be interviewed.

## 9. SELECTION COMMITTEES

**9.1** Selection committees are made up of at least three relevant members the ALLY Unitec community, including the DCE – People and Culture (or their delegate) as Committee Chair (“**Committee**”).

**9.2** The Committee review all applications received and will make award recommendations based on a combination of:

- responses to the scholarship questions;
- feedback from Referee identified on the application;
- Unitec priority group goals – namely to achieve parity for Māori, Pacific and Under 25 students, and enhance the success of Disabled and Neurodiverse learners, sole parents, and ākonga with carers responsibilities; and
- Preference is given to first-time applicants who have not received the Diverse Gender Scholarship before.

**9.4** Committee award decisions are authorised by the Director, Student Success.