

Scholarship & Award Regulations

Unitec School Leaver Scholarships

School(s) and Unit(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. The administrative processes to support awarding this Scholarship will be managed by Unitec having regard to any applicable Unitec policies and Unitec's commitment to Te Noho Kotahitanga.

1. SCHOLARSHIP NAME: Unitec School Leaver Scholarships

2. PURPOSE

The School Leaver Scholarships were established in 2019 to assist secondary or kura school leavers commencing study at Unitec help cover education related costs and provide an opportunity to connect to various induction and mentoring opportunities.

3. VALUE AND DURATION

3.1 Number of Recipients: Approximately 25 scholarships will be granted across Unitec's School Leavers Scholarships portfolio for study commencing in 2022 – contingent on funding.

3.2 Benefit(s) to Recipient: The maximum value of the scholarship will be \$1,500 to each Recipient to assist in covering education related costs.

3.3 Payment of benefit(s):

- Each Recipient will receive two payments by cheque or electronic funds transfer to their nominated bank account.
- Each payment will be up to \$750 per semester.
- Payments will usually be made during week four of the semester 1 and 2.
- Payments are subject to the Recipient successfully satisfying ongoing eligibility criteria as defined in clause 8 below.

4. DURATION: The duration of the Scholarship is up to one year, dependent on programme length.

5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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

- New Zealand citizen or holder of a New Zealand Permanent Resident visa
- Exited secondary school or kura within the last year
- Have submitted an application to Unitec to be admitted full-time* into a Certificate, Diploma or Degree Level programme (Level 3-8)

- Must meet the entry criteria for the selected programme of study

6. RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA

- Motivation to succeed in their chosen course, as demonstrated in the Scholarship application.
- Community Engagement: commitment to benefiting or giving back to their local and/or Unitec communities, as demonstrated in the scholarship application
- The recommendation from applicant's School, as demonstrated in reference letter
- In addition to the above selection criteria, preference may be given to applicants who meet one or more of the following criteria:
 - Māori
 - Pacific
 - Disabled and Neurodiverse Learners
 - First in family to pursue tertiary education
 - Students residing in Tamaki Makaurau

7. SELECTION

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

The Scholarships Selection Committee will be made up of at least three relevant members of Unitec, and will include a representative from Unitec Pathway College and a representative specific to the applicant's intended School. The Scholarships Selection Committee will be chaired by the Director - Unitec Pathways College & Students Under 25' Success, and offers will be authorised by the Director, Student Success.

8. ONGOING RECIPIENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

8.1 Academic progress:

The Recipient must maintain a minimum B minus average (minimum GPA 3.5) per semester, unless exceptional circumstances* prevail. For those who do not receive letter grades, a Pass grade must be maintained across all enrolled courses.

8.2 Unitec Enrolment:

The Recipient:

- Must continue to be enrolled full time (minimum of 60 credits) per semester in a Unitec certificate, diploma, degree or postgraduate diploma level programme
- May, in exceptional circumstances* apply to the Scholarships Manager for the Scholarship Selection Committee's approval of a part-time study load. The Recipient with an approved part-time study load may receive reduced Scholarship payments for the period of part-time study. The reduced

Scholarship payment amount will be determined by the Scholarship Selection Committee at the time of the Recipient's application for approval of part-time study.

8.3 Leave / Deferral / Programme withdrawal:

- If the Recipient defers the Unitec offer or withdraws from the Unitec course/programme after the start of their programme, the Scholarship 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:

- The offer of the Scholarship is made subject to all information provided by the Recipient being true and accurate.
- By accepting the offer of the Scholarship, each Recipient agrees to the Regulations.
- For the duration of this scholarship students are allowed to hold other Unitec funded scholarships, if approved by the relevant Director and/or Head of School. Students are limited to accessing a maximum of \$5,000 of Unitec scholarship funding per academic year.
- The offer of the Scholarship is only valid for the intake defined in the Scholarship letter of offer and cannot be deferred.
- The Recipient is responsible for advising the Scholarships Manager of any changes in circumstances that would make them ineligible for continuation of the Scholarship, e.g. reducing study load to part time, taking leave of absence or deferring study.
- Any change in the Recipient's circumstances not addressed by these Regulations will be considered by the Scholarships Manager and/or the Scholarship Selection Committee case-by-case.
- The Recipient will be invited to consent to allowing their name, photograph and a short article to be used for the promotion of Unitec.

9. TERMINATION OF RECIPIENT'S SCHOLARSHIP

The Scholarship will terminate:

- If the Recipient ceases to meet the eligibility criteria; or
- If the Recipient breaches any regulations of the Scholarship; or
- If Unitec determines that the student is guilty of misconduct and after consultation with the Director Student Success (or their nominee), deems that it is not appropriate for the Recipient to continue to hold the Scholarship.
- If Unitec terminates the Recipients Scholarship for any of the above reasons, after the start of the Semester 1 or 2, any Scholarship payment already made may be asked to be reimbursed to Unitec

*: Exceptional circumstances include ongoing disability, illness, carer's responsibilities and other educational barriers and are considered case-by-case