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(IN THE NAME OF GOD, MOST GRACIOUS, MOST MERCIFUL)

الجمعية الإسلامية – واكاتو WAIKATO MUSLIM ASSOCIATION (INC).

2024 WMA-University of Waikato Fee Bursary Award – Eligibility Criteria & Selection Process

University Eligibility

Waikato Muslim Association and the University of Waikato Fees Bursary (hereafter called Award):

1. Available to New Zealand Citizens and those who have the right to live in New Zealand indefinitely.
2. For current members of Waikato Muslim community living within the Waikato region and remain as such during the tenure of the Award.
3. Not for students eligible for Government's Fees-Free scheme.
4. For students enrolling full-time or part-time at the University of Waikato in an undergraduate or postgraduate program of study.
5. Not for those students who have their fees paid for by another scholarship, Award, bursary or prize.

WMA's Selection Criteria:

1. Have a minimum of "B" average in previous year(s).
2. Have remained actively involved in the Waikato Muslim community or masjid activities prior to their application.
3. Candidates with demonstrated financial hardship (supporting documents required) and a keen interest to study at the University will be considered favorably.
4. First time Award applicants will be preferred.
5. Performance at the interview.

Process

- Applicants will need to submit an Expression of Interest (Eoi) on why they should be awarded the scholarship addressing WMA's Eligibility Criteria 1-4.
- Provide proof of:
 - academic performance by providing University of Waikato "Academic Record" detailing papers completed and grades
 - two letters of references, one each from the University and from local Waikato Muslim community leader
 - demonstration of financial hardship (if applicable)
- Shortlisted applicants will be invited for an interview by the selection committee.
- Selection committee will select top two male and two female candidates and recommend their names to WMA Executive Committee for approval.
- The selection committee will also select back-up candidates (one male and one female), who may be given the Award, at University of Waikato's discretion, in case the original awardee(s) fail to take the offer.
- Four awards will be made available each year (two male and two female students). Where there are not enough eligible candidates of one gender, WMA reserves the right to give more than two Awards to the other gender.
- Names of successful candidates will be displayed on Masjid noticeboard in both Men's and Sisters areas.

Award Duration

The Award will be available for one academic year only. Applicants may apply for additional year(s) of study and be granted the Award depending on the number of eligible candidates in the following year.

Decision by the Selection Committee

- The Selection Committee will make recommendations to the WMA Executive Committee for final approval.
- The decision by the WMA Executive Committee will be final and cannot be challenged.

Value

The Award will have a value of up to **NZD\$7,500** and will be applied directly to the recipient's tuition fees on enrolment. The value of the Award offered to each recipient is at the discretion of the WMA.

Other Conditions

- The Award cannot be held in conjunction with any other University of Waikato-funded tuition fees scholarship.
- The Award is not refundable to the student.
- Should a recipient withdraw from any papers, the Award must be repaid in full to the University.
- The University's Scholarships Committee may terminate an Award at any time, and recoup any funds disbursed if the holder withdraws from the University during the tenure of the Award, brings the University or the WMA into disrepute, or is otherwise not complying with the regulations governing the Award.
- The recipient will have the right to appeal against any decision to terminate an Award by writing to scholarships@waikato.ac.nz who will forward the appeal to the Scholarships Executive.
- In accepting the Award, the student will be deemed to have read, understood and accepted the regulations of this Award and the Scholarships Policy.
- Any fraudulent representation by the applicant during the application process will make the candidate summarily ineligible and the Award must be repaid in full to the University.
- Recipients of the Award agree to participate, if required, in any promotional activity and events organised by the University of Waikato or WMA during the tenure of the Award.
- The Scholarships Committee may, from time to time, vary these regulations.

Please submit Expression of Interest (Eoi) along with supporting documents by email to wma.admin@waikatomuslims.org.nz by **11.59pm on Tuesday the 6th of February 2024**. Late applications will not be accepted.

Wassalaam

Selection Panel
The WMA-UoW Fee Bursary Awards