

# ACORN FOUNDATION EVA TROWBRIDGE SCHOLARSHIP

The **Acorn Foundation**, formed in 2003, is a charitable trust that connects generous people who care with causes that matter, forever. Funds received are invested in perpetuity, and the investment income is used to support community groups and provide scholarships.



The **Acorn Foundation Eva Trowbridge Scholarship** was established in 2008 through a bequest. Eva Trowbridge was born in Sunderland, England and emigrated to New Zealand with her husband, Norman, in 1962. Eva did domestic cleaning at the Tauranga Hospital for 25 years. Norman was a painter for the Railways for many years and died in 1999 (aged 81 years). Eva was a quiet lady who loved everything about England. She was a staunch royalist and loved “red, white and blue”.

## **Purpose**

The Acorn Foundation Eva Trowbridge Scholarship was established to financially assist adult students (25 years and over) studying at the University of Waikato Tauranga Campus. Awards are made on academic merit, financial circumstances, leadership, and contribution to the community.

## **Eligibility**

To be eligible, applicants must:

- a) be 25 years of age or over; and
- b) be currently living in the areas administered by Tauranga City Council or Western Bay of Plenty District Council; and
- c) enrol at the University of Waikato Tauranga Campus.

## **Value and Tenure**

One Scholarship will be awarded each year and shall have a value of **\$5,000**. The value of the Scholarship may be pro-rated for students who are enrolled part-time over the tenure of Scholarship. The Scholarship will have a maximum tenure of one year.

## **Awarding**

The Scholarship will be paid in one lump sum to the recipient after the withdrawal date for A Trimester in the year following awarding.

## **Application**

The closing date for applications is **15 October annually**; applications are made electronically through the University of Waikato online application process.

As part of the online application process, each applicant must provide information on the following:

- a) A personal statement that outlines:
  - suitability for the award;
  - community involvement including leadership roles;
  - future study/career plans; and
  - financial circumstances.
- b) a brief CV (no longer than two A4 pages in length); and
- c) Upload two references into the online application. The references should be one academic and one character reference. Applicants will need to contact their referees, request a reference be sent to them directly, and upload the references into their online application before submitting the application.

## **Selection Criteria and Selection Panel**

The Selection Panel will take academic merit, financial circumstances, leadership, and contribution to the community into consideration when selecting candidates.

The Selection Panel will be organised annually by the Acorn Foundation and may include any or all of the following:

- a) a representative of the Acorn Foundation (in Chair);
- b) the Tauranga Liaison Partnership Manager (or nominee); and
- c) the University of Waikato Associate Director Tauranga Student Services (or nominee).

The Selection Panel may refrain from making a recommendation if it finds no candidate of sufficient merit in that year. The Selection Panel's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

## **Other Conditions**

The Scholarship may be held with any other prize, scholarship or award provided the regulations of the other award(s) allow this.

The Acorn Foundation (through the University of Waikato) and/or University of Waikato may terminate this Scholarship at any time, and recoup any funds disbursed, if the holder withdraws from the University of Waikato, brings the Acorn Foundation, Scholarship or the University into disrepute<sup>1</sup>, or is otherwise not complying with the conditions governing the Scholarship.

By accepting the Scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato or the Acorn Foundation.

The Acorn Foundation may from time to time vary these regulations<sup>2</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> See [Code of Student Conduct](#).

<sup>2</sup> Last reviewed 21 June 2024