

The Kamira Henry (Binga) Haggie Scholarship was established in 1999 by Te Piringa – Faculty of Law (formerly the Waikato Law School) in recognition of kaumatua, Kamira Henry (Binga) Haggie, who passed away in 1997. Binga (as he was commonly known), was the faculty's foundation kaumatua from 1991 till 1996, when he retired from the position. As kaumatua, Binga provided substantial support to the faculty. The Scholarship is funded by Te Piringa – Faculty of Law and up to two scholarships are offered each year with a maximum total pool of funding of \$5,000 each year.

## 1. Purpose

- 1.1. The scholarship supports high achieving, well-rounded Māori students studying at Te Piringa - Faculty of Law at the University of Waikato.

## 2. Eligibility and Selection Criteria

- 2.1. **To be eligible**, applicants must meet all the following conditions:
  - 2.1.1 be of Māori descent (see also clause 4.5).
  - 2.1.2 be currently enrolled (part- or full-time) in either (a) the Master of Laws programme **or** (b) the third year or higher of a Bachelor of Laws with Honours at Te Piringa - Faculty of Law at the University of Waikato.
- 2.2. **Not eligible to apply** are students who:
  - 2.1.3 have been a previous recipient of this Scholarship.
  - 2.1.4 are employed on a permanent or full-time basis at the University of Waikato; applicants may hold a position as a sessional assistant with the University.
- 2.3. **Selection is based on:**
  - 2.3.1. Academic merit (most recent 240-points of study at a New Zealand Tertiary Institution (i.e., the equivalent of two years' full-time enrolment).
  - 2.3.2. Alignment to the qualities outlined in the personal statement (see Clause 4.2).
- 2.4. Preference will be given to applicants enrolled in a Master of Laws.
- 2.5. **To maintain eligibility** recipients must remain enrolled during the period of tenure in a programme of study outlined in clause 2.1.2.

## 3. Value, Tenure and Awarding

- 3.1. The Scholarship value is **up to \$5,000** and will be paid in one lump sum to the recipient(s) as soon as practicable after confirmation that they meet clause 2.5. At the discretion of the Selection Panel, and based on quality and strength of the application, the Scholarship may be divided equally between two recipients.
- 3.2. The successful applicant(s) will be advised of the offer of a Scholarships via their MyWaikato portal and must accept the offer by the prescribed date, or the offer will lapse.
- 3.3. The Scholarship has a tenure of one year and must be taken up in the year for which it is offered.

- 3.4. In accepting the Scholarship, the recipient will be deemed to have:
- 3.4.1. read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship and the [Scholarships Policy](#).
  - 3.4.2. agreed to participate in any publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato.

#### **4. Application**

- 4.1. The closing date for online applications is **30 April each year**
- 4.2. As part of the online application process, each applicant must provide information on the following:
  - 4.2.1. motivation for enrolling in their current programme of study.
  - 4.2.2. involvement in Māori processes and systems at Te Piringa – Faculty of Law and their community.
  - 4.2.3. personal circumstances and commitment to whānau, hapu and iwi.
  - 4.2.4. financial circumstances, including income and employment;
- 4.3. Applicants must upload a current CV (no more than two A4 pages in length)
- 4.4. Applicants must request an academic reference from their academic supervisor or other member of academic staff in the programme in which they are enrolled.
- 4.5. Applicants whose enrolment details do not record their ethnicity as New Zealand Māori, must provide a whakapapa or genealogy (or similar declaration) with their application.

#### **5. Selection Panel**

- 5.1. The Selection Panel will comprise of the Scholarships Committee representative from the Division of Arts, Law, Psychology and Social Science (in the Chair), a representative of Te Piringa – Faculty of Law staff (nominated by the Dean of Law), and a member of the Haggie whānau (nominated by the Associate Dean Māori of Te Piringa – Faculty of Law). In some years, the Haggie whānau may choose not to be involved in the selection process, and the Associate Dean Māori of Te Piringa – Faculty of Law will instead nominate a member of staff from Te Piringa – Faculty of Law.
- 5.2. The Selection Panel may refrain from making a recommendation if it finds no candidate(s) of sufficient merit.
- 5.3. The Selection Panel's decisions are final and no correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

#### **6. Other Conditions**

- 6.1. The Scholarship may be held together with any other scholarship, award or prize unless the conditions of the other funding preclude this.

- 6.2. If a recipient is in receipt of a student allowance, another scholarship, or any type of financial assistance, it is their responsibility to check their entitlement to other income and tax implications.
- 6.3. The Scholarships Committee may terminate this Scholarship at any time, and recoup any funds disbursed, if the holder withdraws from the University of Waikato, brings the Scholarship, University of Donor into disrepute<sup>1</sup>, or is otherwise not complying with the regulations governing the Scholarship and/or the regulations of the University of Waikato. The holder of a Scholarship will have the right to appeal to the Scholarships Executive against any decision to terminate the Scholarship.
- 6.4. The Scholarships Committee has the power to amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.

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