



The Paul Woodford Day Melville High School Scholarship for Excellence is offered by the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Waikato to recognise excellent achievement by a Melville High School student in their final year of secondary school. The Scholarship is in memory of Emeritus Professor Paul Woodford Day. Professor Day's association with the University began long before there were any buildings on campus. He, with his wife Gabrielle, drew the plans for the first University of Waikato buildings on their kitchen table, creating a foundation of things to follow. It was in the early 1960's, when he was running the Hamilton branch of Auckland University, that Professor Day joined other visionaries to battle for the Waikato to have its own independent university. This succeeded in 1965, and he took up a professorship in 1970. When he retired in 1980, he was awarded the University's first Emeritus Professor Honour, which was followed by an Honorary Doctorate in 1998.

One Scholarship is awarded each year. Application for this Scholarship is by **nomination only**.

1. Eligibility and Selection Criteria

1.1. To be eligible, candidates must:

- 1.1.1. be nominated by the Principal of Melville High School;
- 1.1.2. be a current Year 13 student at Melville High School studying towards NCEA Level 3 and University Entrance, or equivalent;
- 1.1.3. be intending to enrol full-time (120-points) in an undergraduate degree¹ at the University of Waikato for the first time² in the year of tenure, commencing study in the first trimester of that year; and,
- 1.1.4. be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident.

1.2. Selection is based on:

- 1.2.1. academic excellence;
- 1.2.2. leadership roles/community service and awards;
- 1.2.3. character/personal qualities.
- 1.2.4. Preference may be given to students who excel in the fields of language, literature or related subjects.

1.3. To maintain eligibility, the student offered the scholarship must:

- 1.3.1. gain University Entrance; and
- 1.3.2. be accepted into, and enrol full-time in, an undergraduate degree programme offered by the University of Waikato.

¹ This does not include diplomas, certificates, etc., except for the Diploma in Te Tohu Paetahi. Other recipients whose degree structure requires them to enrol in an alternative programme of study in the year of tenure can request special consideration by completing a Variation Request <https://www.waikato.ac.nz/scholarships/scholarship-variation-request>

² Candidates who have undertaken **STAR** papers at the University of Waikato are **not** excluded by this clause

2. Value, Tenure and Awarding

- 2.1. The Scholarship will have a value of **\$2,000**, paid directly into the recipient's bank account in two equal instalments.
 - 2.1.1. The first instalment is made after the withdrawal date for A Trimester papers.
 - 2.1.2. The second instalment is made after the withdrawal date for B Trimester papers, provided the student continues in full-time enrolment and gained at least a B average across their A Trimester papers.
- 2.2. The offer of a Scholarship must be accepted by the date indicated in the offer or the offer will lapse. If a candidate declines the Scholarship, or does not take it up, the award may be offered to the next ranked candidate.
- 2.3. The Scholarship will have a maximum tenure of one year and must be taken up in the year for which it is offered.
- 2.4. In accepting the Scholarship, the recipient will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship and the [Scholarships Policy](#)

3. Nomination Process

- 3.1 The closing date for nominations is **15 September each year**.
- 3.2 The Principal of Melville High School is invited to nominate and rank Year 13 students who demonstrate academic excellence.
- 3.3 The nomination will be considered by the Chair of the Scholarships Committee at the University of Waikato for endorsement.
- 3.4 The Principal may refrain from making a recommendation in any year if, no nominee, or reserve nominee of sufficient merit is present in that year's cohort.

4. Other Conditions

- 4.1 Recipients who accept this scholarship are expected to complete at least four trimesters of study at the University of Waikato. Those who withdraw their enrolment before the end of this period will normally be required to pay back the full sum of monies received.
- 4.2 Recipients should seek independent financial advice about any tax implications of their Scholarship.
- 4.3 It may be held with any other award unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.
- 4.4 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 or Sponsor into disrepute³, or is otherwise not complying with the conditions governing the Scholarship and/or the regulations of the University of Waikato. The holder of a Scholarship shall have the right to appeal to the Scholarships Executive against any decision to terminate the Scholarship.
- 4.5 By accepting the Scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato.

³ See [Code of Student Conduct](#)

4.6 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.