



VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF
WELLINGTON
TE HERENGA WAKA

2024 MĀTĀTOA SPORT SCHOLARSHIPS

SCHOLARSHIP LEVEL

School leaver/first year and returning students

CLOSING DATE FOR NOMINATIONS

4.30 pm, Tuesday 31 October 2023

TENURE

One year

STUDY LOAD

Full time (part time by exemption only)

NUMBER OFFERED

Multiple (3x)

VALUE

\$7,000 per annum, per scholarship

ELIGIBILITY

- ▶ Applicants must be New Zealand citizens or permanent residents of at least two years' standing.
- ▶ Applicants must have at least a Merit endorsement in NCEA Level 2 (or equivalent in another qualification) or a B+ GPA (6) if the applicant is already a student at the University.
- ▶ Applicants must be age-group regional and/or national representatives in their chosen sport.
- ▶ Applicants must be intending to enrol full time in an undergraduate degree in the year following application at Victoria University of Wellington.

CRITERIA

- ▶ Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of academic merit, sporting achievement, equity, and commitment to attaining a tertiary qualification.

DESCRIPTION

The purpose of the Mātātoa Sport Scholarship is to foster excellence in sport and academic performance. This scholarship supports the student athlete to retain a healthy balance of focus and commitment towards their programme of study, sporting commitments, and their own wellbeing, resulting in a rewarding and successful university experience.

The scholarship is open to any athletes from all disciplines who are intending to enrol or are currently enrolled at Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington.

SCHOLARSHIP-SPECIFIC DOCUMENTATION

- ▶ Secondary school academic record
- ▶ A letter of support from your sporting coach
- ▶ A one-page sporting CV summarising your most recent sporting achievements and an outline of your 2024 sporting goals and performance plans



APPLICATION PROCESS

A completed online application must be submitted by 4.30 pm on the closing date. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted. Any required supporting documentation (including references) must also be received by 4.30 pm on the closing date in order for the application to be considered.

Applications will normally open one month before the closing date. If no application link is provided below, check back again closer to the closing date. Contact us if you have any queries.

i www.wgtn.ac.nz/scholarships/current/matatoa-sport-scholarships

SELECTION PROCESS

All applications will be considered by a decision-making panel comprising academic and professional staff at the University. This panel will be chaired by the associate director sport and recreation. To assist with awarding the scholarships, the panel may decide to consider academic performance in addition to being mindful towards the University's strategic focus on Māori and Pasifika students. The panel will decide on the final recipients and the scholarships will be awarded by the Scholarships Office at Victoria University of Wellington.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Award recipients are expected to be:

- ▶ an active member of the **Student Athlete Network**
- ▶ a member of a Victoria University of Wellington **registered sports club***
- ▶ available to represent the University at **University and Tertiary Sport New Zealand** events*

*Where it is more appropriate for the recipient to be playing for a non-university club, or be excused from UTSNZ selection, the recipient may apply for exemption (decision to be made by the sports manager).

REGULATIONS AND CONDITIONS

1. Mātātoa Sport Scholarship recipients are ambassadors for Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington and are expected to always represent the values of the University. Our sporting ambassadors will be active and vocal supporters of the University, our clubs, university sport, and their student peers. Recipients are expected to participate in any marketing and communication opportunities that are presented.
2. Unless exemption is awarded, the recipient must be an active, registered member of the applicable sports club of Victoria University of Wellington.
3. Scholarship recipients are automatically registered in the Student Athlete Network and are expected to be active members and participants within this community.
4. All offers of the scholarship will be conditional upon the recipient being fully enrolled in a full-year programme (full time will be at the level of points considered by StudyLink as full time, normally 105 points) within the stipulated criteria and tenure of the scholarship. No payment of the scholarship will be made until this condition is met.
5. If part-time study for the recipient is approved, their scholarship award may be pro-rated. This decision will be made by the decision-making panel. Before the recipient decides to reduce their workload from full time, this must be discussed with the sports manager and the Scholarships Office.
6. Scholarships will be paid in monthly stipend instalments and will be conditional upon academic performance and the recipient adhering to the terms of this scholarship.
7. The scholarship cannot be deferred to a later year.
8. The scholarship may be held in conjunction with other awards except for any other Victoria University of Wellington sports scholarship or other full fee-paying scholarship.
9. Should the recipient withdraw from the University during the tenure of this scholarship, or fail to achieve satisfactory progress, partial repayment of the scholarship will normally be expected. Recipients must advise the Scholarships Office if they intend to withdraw.