

Dame Te Ātairangikaahu Nursing Scholarship 2026 Regulations

BACKGROUND

The Dame Te Ātairangikaahu Nursing Scholarship was established in 2006 by The Waikato Institute of Technology (Wintec) at Tūrangawaewae on the conferment of Wintec's Honorary Fellowship to Dame Te Ātairangikaahu. The first scholarship was awarded in 2007.

Dame Te Ātairangikaahu, also known as The Māori Queen, was the leader of the Kiingitanga Movement and was highly respected nationally, with Pacific Island peoples and internationally for her diplomacy and care for the health and wellbeing of indigenous peoples and people of colour. She continued the legacy of the Kiingitanga Movement and her Grand Aunt, Te Puea, to unite Māori people and bring to justice the affects suffered by loss of Māori land. She was instrumental in the historical 1995 Settlement of Waikato Tainui Raupatu (confiscations) and was patron of several national Māori organisations such as Te Kōhanga Reo and Māori Women's Welfare League. She held the role for forty years and was succeeded by the current Māori Kingi, Kiingi Tūheitia Pōtatau Te Wherowhero Te Tuawhitu, who continues to have a strong interest in the scholarship and provides ongoing endorsement of the recipients.

The purpose of the scholarship is to assist Waikato Tainui students to undertake full-time study towards one of the following qualifications offered by Wintec: Bachelor of Nursing, Bachelor of Midwifery, Bachelor of Physiotherapy, Diploma in Enrolled Nursing; and part-time or full-time study towards a postgraduate nursing qualification. The scholarship is awarded based on academic merit, character, and involvement in cultural and community life.

In 2026 Wintec will award seven scholarships. The scholarship will cover the cost of the recipient's tuition fees. The tenure of each scholarship will be for a maximum of eighteen months for a diploma, three years for a degree, or up to two years for a postgraduate qualification.

CONDITIONS

1. The scholarship shall be known as the Dame Te Ātairangikaahu Nursing Scholarship.
2. Applicants must apply on the required scholarship application form and all complete applications will be assessed by a selection panel. The panel will include a Kiingitanga representative; the Wintec Kaumātua; the Wintec Executive Director Māori; the Head of Nursing (Hauora Māori) and the Group Director for the Centre of Health and Social Practice. Panel members may elect a representative to participate in the selection on their behalf.
3. Short listed applicants may be required to attend an interview with the scholarship selection panel.
4. An online scholarship application form will be available on the Wintec [Dame Te Ātairangikaahu Nursing Scholarship](#) webpage.
5. The scholarship will be applied to the tuition fees each year for the duration of a recipient's qualification, from the year the scholarship is awarded i.e., a maximum of three years for a degree. The scholarship will not cover course related costs or sundry fees.
6. The tuition fees will be credited directly against a recipient's student finance account once their enrolment has been confirmed and, where appropriate, fees will be refunded directly to the original payee (e.g. StudyLink).

7. Recipients across all years of study are eligible to apply for the scholarship. The scholarship will not be awarded in retrospect for any previous year's study. Tuition fees will only be credited for the remaining years of study once the scholarship is awarded.
8. Scholarship recipients must pass all the modules they are enrolled in each semester, to be entitled for the tuition fee payment to be credited for their next academic year. The Group Director, or their delegate, can terminate the tenure of the scholarship if a recipient fails to obtain passing grades in any year of study covered by the scholarship.
9. Recipients who commence study in July (semester two) are eligible to apply for the scholarship. Successful recipients will be required to pass all modules each semester for their tuition fees to be credited for the following semester. In this situation the crediting of tuition fees will be applied each semester rather than annually.
10. The scholarship is not transferrable to any other Wintec qualification or another tertiary institution – subject to Item 11.
11. The selection panel may agree to a transfer of the scholarship to another Wintec qualification for an individual recipient if the majority agree. Applications should be emailed to the Scholarship Administrator at scholarships@wintec.ac.nz for consideration by the panel. A decision will be made on a case-by-case basis and will not set a precedent for other recipients.
12. A recipient may apply to have their scholarship deferred for an agreed period, on a case-by-case basis, should they need to take a break from study. A scholarship may be deferred no more than twice during its tenure. Applications should be submitted via email to the Scholarship Administrator at scholarships@wintec.ac.nz for consideration by Komiti Āpiti Karahipi.
13. The scholarship may be held together with any other bursary, grant, prize, or student allowance unless the conditions of the other funding preclude this. However, this scholarship will still only apply to the payment of tuition fees.
14. Recipients are encouraged to access student support from Te Kete Manaaki and or Centre specific scholarship support at any time during the semesters for support with their learning for the duration of their scholarship.
15. The selection panel may refrain from making a recommendation if it finds no candidate of sufficient merit.
16. The offer of a scholarship must be accepted and returned by the date indicated in the letter of offer. If a recipient declines or does not take up the scholarship, the selection panel may offer the scholarship to another applicant.
17. The decision of the selection panel is final, and no further correspondence will be entered into.
18. By accepting the scholarship, recipients agree to participate in publicity regarding the scholarships as arranged by Wintec.
19. **The closing date for applications is 5pm Friday 31 October 2025.** The closing date may be extended as required. All applications and supporting documents must be submitted, using the online application form available on the Wintec [Dame Te Ātairangikaahu](#) webpage.
20. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
21. The scholarship winners will be advised by Friday 12 December 2025.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. Applicants for the scholarship must be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident and must be registered on the Waikato Tainui roll.
2. Applicants for the scholarship must have applied or currently be studying at Wintec towards one of the eligible qualifications stated in the scholarship regulations above.
3. Applicants must complete the prescribed scholarship application form and provide the following supporting documents:
 - A written personal statement, video or voice recording outlining how this scholarship will assist the applicant in furthering their career aspirations (particularly in Māori Health); how it will support their personal development and their potential contribution to the community.
 - A reference, for this scholarship must not be a relative of the applicant. The referee should be someone who is familiar with the applicant's character, achievements, or potential, and who can speak to how the applicant aligns with the values and goals of the scholarship. If you choose a Wintec tutor as your referee, you must also provide an additional external reference, such as an employer, community or church leader, sports coach, etc. You can find the scholarship referee questionnaire [here](#).
 - A current Curriculum Vitae (CV) or resume.

Applicants may apply in English or Māori.