

Gordon Chesterman Scholarship 2026 Regulations

BACKGROUND

The Gordon Chesterman Scholarship was established in 2012 by Waikato Institute of Technology (Wintec) in recognition of the significant contribution and valued work of long-serving Chair of Council, Gordon Chesterman. The first scholarship was awarded in 2013.

The purpose of the scholarship is to assist students to undertake full time study, towards a qualification at Wintec in either the School of Media Arts, Centre for Business and Enterprise, or Centre for Information Technology. The Scholarship is awarded based on academic merit, character, and involvement in cultural and community life.

One scholarship will be awarded each year, up to a maximum of \$5,000 towards the cost of the recipient's tuition fees in a single year of enrolment. The tenure of the scholarship is for one year.

CONDITIONS

1. The scholarship shall be known as the Gordon Chesterman Scholarship.
2. Applicants must apply on the required scholarship application form and all complete applications will be assessed by the Komiti Āpiti Karahipi including the Group Director of the School of Media Arts, Centre for Business and Enterprise, and Centre for Information Technology and/or their chosen delegate.
3. Shortlisted applicants may be required to attend an interview.
4. An online scholarship application form will be available on the Wintec [Gordon Chesterman Scholarship](#) webpage.
5. The scholarship will be awarded upon confirmation of enrolment into a programme of study in either the School of Media Arts, the Centre for Business and Enterprise or the Centre for Information Technology, to a maximum value of \$5,000 for one year. The scholarship will be applied to the tuition fees of a recipient's programme of study in the year it is granted.
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 year of study once the scholarship is awarded.
8. The scholarship is not transferrable to any other Wintec qualification or another tertiary institution – subject to Item 9.
9. The selection panel may agree to a transfer of the scholarship to another Wintec qualification for an individual recipient if the majority agree. Requests 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.

12. Recipients are encouraged to access student support from Te Kete Manaaki and or the Team Manager, or their delegate, at any time during the semesters for support with their learning for the duration of the scholarship.
13. The selection panel may refrain from making a recommendation if it finds no candidate of sufficient merit.
14. The offer of a scholarship must be accepted by the date indicated in the letter of offer. If the recipient declines or does not take up the scholarship, the selection panel may offer the scholarship to another applicant.
15. The decision of the selection panel is final, and no correspondence will be entered into.
16. By accepting the scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in publicity regarding the scholarship as arranged by Wintec.
17. **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 [Gordon Chesterman Scholarship](#) webpage.
18. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
19. The scholarship winners will be announced by Friday 12 December 2025.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. Applicants for the scholarship must be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident and must be from the Greater Waikato or Thames/Coromandel region.
2. Applicants for the scholarship must have applied or currently be studying a degree level programme at Wintec, full time in either the School of Media Arts, Centre for Business and Enterprise or Centre for Information Technology.
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 in the field they are studying.
 - A written statement (or evidence) of applicant contribution to the Greater Waikato 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.