

Massey University Academy of Sport Scholarship

Scholarship Regulations

Focus

Sports

Level of Study

Undergraduate – First Year

Purpose

The Massey University Academy of Sport Scholarship was established to support student athletes in their first year of undergraduate study with a record of high achievement in sport and who show future potential in their chosen sport, to enrol at Massey University.

Background

The Massey University Academy of Sport provides a structured academic and performance support programme for high achieving athletes. The support includes physical conditioning, nutrition, sports psychology, gym memberships, group topical seminars, and training gear. Academic support includes one-on-one staff support, assistance with time management and academic planning, career advice, and assistance with scheduling conflicts. The programme is designed in four tiers, Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze, with each tier providing different levels of support. Athletes accepted for the scholarship are typically of national and international standard in their chosen sport and will be offered a place in a delegated tier, based on their achievements in their chosen sport as well as their academic and personal achievements.

Value and Tenure

The value of the scholarship shall be:

- \$7,500 for full-time students, pro-rated for part-time students, for the Gold tier.
- \$3,000 for full-time students, pro-rated for part-time students, for the Silver tier.

The tenure is for one year.

In addition to the monetary support, successful recipients also become members of the Massey University Academy of Sport programme and will have access to the services related to their specific tier.

Typical Number on Offer

Up to 30 scholarships will be awarded.

Eligibility

Applicants must be:

- enrolling for the first year of an undergraduate degree at Massey University in the year following the award of the scholarship, or,
 - entering the first year of study at Massey University toward an undergraduate degree in the year following the award of the scholarship
- and
- a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident
 - intending to enrol in either full-time (minimum of 105 credits) or part-time (minimum of 45 credits)
 - achieving in their chosen sport(s) at a minimum of provincial or regional level
 - studying on the Albany, Manawatū or Wellington campus and/or online

All applicants need to meet the entry criteria for the degree programme that they intend to enrol in at Massey University.

Selection Criteria

Selection will be based on:

- evidence of excellence in sport in the previous three years both inside and outside of the secondary school context (e.g. provincial or national representative)
- evidence of support from both a coach and the National Sporting Organisation (NSO) (compulsory). Two separate letters of support are required to assist selection. If the sport does not have an NSO, or a supporting letter is not able to be obtained from the NSO, then a supporting letter from the relevant Regional Sports Organisation (RSO) or equivalent must be provided.
- evidence of excellence as demonstrated in secondary school results to date.

Consideration of personal characteristics, including cultural identity, background, and experience, will be given to ensure that equitable outcomes are achieved.

Selection Committee

The scholarships are awarded by the University Scholarship Selection Committee upon recommendation of a panel from the Academy of Sport.

Conditions of the Scholarship

The scholarship is not tenable with the Massey University Undergraduate First Year Scholarship – School Leavers.

When a Massey University sports club or team is available in the athlete's given sport, athletes will be expected to compete for that team / club.

If the athlete's sport is included in the University and Tertiary Sport NZ (UTSNZ) Championships, athletes will be expected to represent Massey University at these events.

Where exceptional circumstances prohibit an athlete from competing for Massey in a club / team or the UTSNZ Championships, athletes may apply for an exemption to be considered. Recipients must discuss this with Academy of Sport staff if required.

Officials, coaches, managers, referees and umpires are not eligible to apply for the scholarship but may apply for inclusion in the Bronze tier of the Academy of Sport programme.

Recipients will join the Scholars Massey community. This community offers advice and support on scholar development through activities and events, alongside peer mentoring opportunities.

Payment will be made in two instalments upon confirmation of enrolment in semesters one and two, following the official withdrawal dates for these semesters. Payment and continuation in the relevant tier of the Academy of Sport in semester two shall be subject to successful completion of all enrolled semester one courses, continued participation with the recipient's sport at or above the level at which the scholarship was awarded, and active participation in the Academy of Sport Programme and engagement with Massey's High Performance Coordinators.

Details of the recipients of the Massey University Academy of Sport Scholarships may be published in any appropriate University publications.

The selection panel may refrain from recommending an award at any time if it finds no applicant of sufficient merit.