

Massey University Elite Sports Scholarships

Scholarship Regulations

Focus

Sport

Level of Study

Undergraduate

Purpose

The Massey University Elite Sports Scholarship is designed to support students who are members of the Massey University Academy of Sport in their study from their second year onwards, although non- Academy of Sport student athletes can also be considered for the Elite Sports Scholarships.

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, time management and academic planning, career advice and assistance with scheduling conflicts.

Value and Tenure

The value of the scholarship is \$2,500, pro-rated for part time students, and is tenable for one year.

Typical Number on Offer

Typically, up to ten scholarships will be awarded per year.

Eligibility

Applicants must:

- be New Zealand citizens or permanent residents.

- have successfully completed at least one year at Massey. Those who are current Academy of Sport members will have met all the criteria and requirements of the Academy.
- be intending to enrol in either full-time (minimum of 105 credits) or part-time (minimum of 45 credits) study in an undergraduate degree in the year following the award of the scholarship.
- be achieving in their chosen sport(s) at a minimum of provincial or regional level.
- have the backing from a relevant sporting organisation and coach or trainer.

Selection Criteria

The selection will be based on:

- a brief (no more than 1 page) curriculum vitae
- a reference letter from a coach/trainer or a statement from the National Sporting Organisation
- a written statement from the applicant indicating why they would like the award (300-word maximum limit)
- previous year sporting and academic performance, connection to the Academy of Sport, and engagement with the High Performance Coordinators

Selection Panel

The scholarship is awarded by the University Scholarships Selection Committee on the recommendation of a panel from the Academy of Sport.

Conditions of the Scholarship

In recommending the award of a scholarship the selection panel may take into account other scholarships and bursaries held by the applicant with a view to achieving a reasonable distribution of available monies among qualifying candidates.

Recipients of the scholarship must stay within the approved academic programme at the University.

Recipients are eligible to apply for the scholarship in succeeding years of their study.

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 Elite Sports 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.