

Elizabeth A Cooper Grant for Students with Disabilities

Grant Regulations

Focus

Students with a disability

Level of Study

Undergraduate and Postgraduate

Purpose

The Elizabeth A Cooper Grant for Students with Disabilities provides support to students who require additional assistance to undertake their university study.

Background

Elizabeth A Cooper, who was severely disabled by polio in her childhood, was a significant leader in the disability rights movement. She was one of the founders of the Disabled Persons Assembly Palmerston North and was a staunch advocate in supporting people with disabilities. Elizabeth passed away in 2001, this grant was established by Massey University in her memory.

Value and Tenure

The value of the grant is determined by the interest earned on the fund each year and the need of applicant as decided by the selection panel. Typically, the value will be \$1,000 for a tenure of one year.

Typical Number on Offer

The number of grants available annually is decided by the available funds and number of applicants.

Eligibility

Applicants must be:

- New Zealand citizens or permanent residents
- currently enrolled in full time or part time study at Massey University
- registered with the Massey University Disability Services

Selection Criteria

Selection will be based on how the applicant would benefit from the grant and how it would help remove barriers to learning.

Preference will be given to students who face additional support costs related to studies due to their disability.

Selection Committee

The grant will be awarded by the University Scholarships Selection Committee on the recommendation of a panel consisting of staff from the Disability Services.

Conditions of the Grant

Payment will be made in one instalment upon award of the grant.

In order to support equitable awarding, previous recipients are not normally eligible for subsequent awards.

It is expected the funds be used to improve access and remove barriers to study. Grants will not normally be awarded for the use of tuition or study fees.

The grant may be held in conjunction with other scholarship, bursaries or awards.

The University Scholarships Selection Committee have the right to refrain from making an award if there are no suitable applicants and their decision is final.