

Massey University Academy of Sport Returners Scholarships

Scholarship Regulations

Focus

Sport

Level of Study

Undergraduate

Purpose

The Massey University Academy Sport Returners 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 scholarships.

Background

The Massey University Academy of Sport provides a structured academic and performance support programme for high achieving athletes. The support includes on-campus and online group practical sessions and topical seminars and access to an Online Resource Hub. 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 up to \$2,500 and is tenable for one year.

In addition to the monetary support, successful recipients also become members of the Scholars programme and will receive exclusive support up to the value of \$2,000. This support includes:

- Academic planning assistance and advice
- Access to the Academy of Sport Online Resource Hub
- Access to webinars and on-campus sessions
- Discounts on selected services or apparel when available

- Complimentary on-campus gym membership
- Sport science services (strength & conditioning, nutrition, sport psychology)
- Additional webinars

Typical Number on Offer

Typically, up to twenty 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 University. 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.

In determining the monetary value of the award, the selection panel will consider the recipient's intended study load at the time of scholarship application.

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 are strongly encouraged to compete for that team / club.

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

Where exceptional circumstances prohibit an athlete from competing for Massey at the UTSNZ Championships, athletes may discuss this with Sport Massey staff.

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

In addition to the support from the Academy of Sport, 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 as an Academy of Sport Scholars member 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 Returners 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.