

Massey University Academy of Sport First Year Scholarship

Scholarship Regulations

Focus

Sports

Level of Study

Undergraduate – First Year

Purpose

The Massey University Academy of Sport First Year 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 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, assistance with time management and academic planning, career advice, and assistance with scheduling conflicts. Athletes accepted for the scholarship are typically of national and international standard in their chosen sport and are awarded 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 up to \$7,500. The tenure is 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
- Branded gear

Typical Number on Offer

Up to 80 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.

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.

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 join 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 First Year 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.