

Massey University Elite Sports Bursaries

Bursary Regulations

Focus

Sport

Level of Study

Undergraduate

Background

Massey University, in partnership with various sporting organisations, supports from year 2 onwards who are members of the Massey Academy of Sport.

The Massey Academy of Sport focuses on the holistic development of each individual member by providing essential support services that cater to members' needs.

In addition to a wide range of academic programmes, Massey University offers a range of sport degree programmes as well as one of the most strategic groupings of sport performance and training facilities in New Zealand.

At the Albany campus these facilities include a Human Performance Laboratory and a comprehensive Indoor Sport and Recreation Complex including modern weight training and cardio equipment. The Manawatu campus offers the Sport & Rugby Institute, a state-of-the-art Olympic standard all-weather athletic track, a Human Performance Laboratory, quality floodlit tennis and netball courts, floodlit rugby and soccer fields, an Equestrian Centre, a floodlit Hockey turf and a comprehensive indoor sport and recreation complex including modern weight training and cardio equipment.

Value and Tenure

The value of the bursary is \$5,000 and is tenable for one year.

Typical Number on Offer

Typically, up to five bursaries will be awarded per year on each campus, normally up to three for second-year students and up to two for third-year students, at the committee's discretion.

The number of bursaries in each year will be dependent on the funding made available by Massey University.

Eligibility

Applicants must:

- be New Zealand citizens or permanent residents with qualifications from a New Zealand secondary school
- have successfully completed at least one year in the Massey Academy of Sport and met all the criteria and requirements expected of first- or second-year members of the Academy
- have the backing from a relevant sporting organisation and coach or trainer.

Applicants of undergraduate programmes of study that are 4 or 5 years in length may also apply, as may part time students who have been enrolled at Massey University longer than 2 years.

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)

Selection Panel

The bursary is awarded by the University Scholarships Committee on the recommendation of a subcommittee which includes staff from the Academy.

Conditions of the Bursary

In recommending the award of a bursary the selection panel will 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.

Payment of the bursary will be made in two instalments, in April and August, upon confirmation of enrolment. The payment in second semester will be subject to academic success and compliance with the Academy requirements in semester one.

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

Entry into subsequent years is not automatic but recipients are welcome to apply for a bursary for succeeding years.

Recipients of the award are usually expected to comply with the following conditions:

- must have continued to train and compete in their chosen sport at a regional, national level or international level
- normally passed all academic papers from the last year of study
- represented Massey University either as an ambassador, volunteer or coach
- attended compulsory Academy events

Failure to comply may result in Massey Academy of Sport membership being discontinued. The selection panel may refrain from recommending an award at any time if it finds no applicant of sufficient merit.

Details of the recipients of the Massey University Elite Sports Bursaries may be published in any appropriate University publications.