



# SPACPAC Memea Leadership Awards Scholarship Information

## 1 Purpose

- 1.1 Service Leadership Award - this award will recognise the efforts of a student who has demonstrated service leadership at the highest level in their respective school and community.
- 1.2 Cultural Leadership Award - This award will recognise the efforts of a student who has given significant time and effort for their school and wider community, specifically in displaying leadership in a cultural area.

## 2 Background

In 2018 the family of the late Memea Bubsy Eletino Ma'aelopa gifted two cultural artefacts to the SPACPAC collective to administer and award as part of the sPACIFICally PACIFIC initiatives. Memea was an integral part of the SPACPAC collective as an elder and holder of the position of financial officer. It is therefore fitting that the Tanoa and Nifo oti be awarded to students who have displayed the attributes and values associated with cultural and service leadership within their school and wider community.

## 3 Selection criteria

In making the recommendation the selection committee considers:

- 3.1 Service Leadership Award - Successful candidates may hold a leadership role in their school or have volunteered their time in multiple areas such as sport and mentoring, or perhaps has put in a significant effort into one area.

In addition to service, candidates must show leadership in the area. Leadership could include: whether the candidate is a role model, the amount of influence the candidate has provided in their area, and whether the candidates work and behaviour has been inspirational to others. (Note: Candidates whose leadership has been in the cultural area such as leading their Polyfest group or promoting their culture at school, should be nominated for the Cultural Leadership Award.)

- 3.2 Cultural Leadership Award - Successful candidates may have volunteered their time in multiple area's such as cultural dance groups, promoting languages, and delivering cultural events, or perhaps has put in a significant effort into one area such as creating and leading their school's Polyfest group.

In addition to cultural service, candidates must show leadership in the area. Leadership could include: whether the candidate is a role model, the amount of influence the candidate has in teaching others about their culture, and whether the candidates work and behaviour has been inspirational to others.

#### **4 Selection process**

4.1 Two Memea Leadership Awards are available.

4.2 Award winners intending to study a degree qualification at Ara Institute of Canterbury are also awarded a \$5000 fees scholarship towards their second year of study.

To qualify for this scholarship, students must:

- a be a Pacific secondary school learner in their final year and be enrolled at Ara for the following academic year
- b meet the academic requirements of their chosen degree qualification
- c have been involved in SPACPAC events

(Please note: if student withdraws their enrolment with Ara prior to start of your programme, Ara reserve the right to re-award the scholarship to another Memea award applicant)

4.3 The awards are awarded by SPACPAC and Ara, on the recommendation of a selection committee comprising:

- a SPACPAC representative
- b Ara representative
- c Pacific teacher representative
- d Student representative

#### **5 Application Process**

5.1 Applicants must be school leavers in year 12 or 13 in the year of application.

5.2 applicants must have their application endorsed by their respective school (eg Principal/nominee, Pacific Liaison).

5.3 Applicants can apply for both awards by completing both sections of 'evidence' in the application form.

5.4 Evidence section of application can be submitted as written, video or audio attachment.

5.5 Applicants cannot be awarded both awards in any one year.