

Ngāpuhi Education Scholarship [BM11.PO]

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Required Outcome

The Rūnanga has a criterion framework that ensures good practice principles of fairness, clarity and transparency throughout the scholarship process.

1. Terms and References

Policy	Ngāpuhi Education Scholarship Policy
Scholarship/s	Ngāpuhi Education Scholarship/s
Rūnanga	Te Rūnanga-Ā-Iwi-O-Ngāpuhi (the Rūnanga)
Committee	Scholarship Allocation Committee
Tertiary Provider	An approved university / polytechnic / institute of technology / wānanga / private training establishment
Application Form	Official Ngāpuhi Scholarship Application Form
Closing Date	The official date from which applications will not be accepted
Takiwā	Representative group of Marae/Hapū within Te Whare O Puhi

2. Overview

2.1. Purpose of the Policy

The policy outlines the eligibility and application criteria, terms and conditions relating to the selection and disbursement of Education Scholarships by the Rūnanga.

The purpose of the Policy is to ensure there is a criterion framework that can be applied consistently in the processes of education scholarship administration, decision-making, and award disbursement. It also ensures that good practice principles of fairness, clarity, and transparency are embedded through each stage of the scholarship process.

The Policy underpins all Rūnanga governance and operational practices and decisions in this area of scholarship funding.

2.2. Introduction

The Rūnanga introduced and established the Ngāpuhi Education Scholarships in 2003. The overall aim of the Ngāpuhi Education Scholarships is to assist students registered on the Ngāpuhi Iwi Register to:

- Fulfil their potential for academic success;
- Encourage applicants to contribute their knowledge and skills towards the wellbeing and development of Ngāpuhi whānau, hapū and iwi.

2.3. General Eligibility

Scholarships are available to:

- All students of Ngāpuhi descent who are formally enrolled in full-time (undergraduate) or part-time (graduate and post-graduate) study with a tertiary provider; **and**
- Are registered with the Rūnanga.

Scholarships are available for approved studies at the following levels:

- University Entrance/NCEA Award;
- Bachelor/Undergraduate Degree;
- Graduate and Post-Graduate – Honours; Graduate or Postgraduate Diploma, Master and PhD/Doctoral levels.

2.4. Funding Allocation

The Ngāpuhi Education Scholarships are budgeted annually. Should there be insufficient eligible applications for specified levels of disbursement then those funds, at the discretion of the Committee, can be allocated to other areas of academic engagement. Unallocated funding does not carry over or accrue over subsequent years.

2.5. Scholarship Allocation Committee

The Scholarship Allocation Committee is appointed by the Rūnanga Board. All applications will be considered by this Committee whose decisions will be final and binding.

No correspondence will be entered into on these matters.

3. Eligibility

3.1. To be eligible to apply for a Ngāpuhi Education Scholarship, applicants must:

- Whakapapa to Ngāpuhi and be fully registered with the Rūnanga;
- Be formally enrolled with a tertiary provider (Full-time if Undergraduate. Part-time study meets the criteria for Graduate and Post-Graduate categories);
- Be studying in New Zealand;
- Submit a fully completed *Ngāpuhi Scholarship Application Form* including all requested information by the closing date. Incomplete applications will not be accepted;
- Have their application received by the Rūnanga, by the closing date;
- Provide proof of course enrolment (year of scholarship application);
- Provide academic transcripts of previous study.

4. Scholarships Available

4.1. University Entrance/NCEA Award

These scholarships are for those students who have gained University Entrance through NCEA Level 1, 2 or 3 and who are formally enrolled full-time in a Bachelors Degree programme with a tertiary education institution in New Zealand.

4.2. Bachelor / Undergraduate Ngāpuhi Scholarships

These scholarships are available for students who are formally enrolled full-time at a tertiary education institution and studying towards a Bachelor/Undergraduate Degree.

4.3. Graduate and Post-Graduate Ngāpuhi Scholarships

These scholarships are available for students who are formally enrolled at a tertiary education institution (either full-time or part-time) and studying towards one of the following:

- Honours Degree;
- Postgraduate or Graduate Diploma;
- Master's Degree;
- PhD/Doctoral studies .

4.4. Employees of the Rūnanga

Employees of the Rūnanga are ineligible to apply for a Ngāpuhi Education Scholarship.

5. Alignment of study to support Rūnanga/Ngāpuhi goals

5.1. Goals

Ngāpuhi Education Scholarship selection and award disbursement are underpinned by strategic goals of the Rūnanga. These goals are:

- Communications and Identity;
- Iwi Development;
- Governance;
- Natural Resource Management;
- Whānau Ora;
- Support Services;
- Economic Development.

The Rūnanga also has key priority areas for Scholarship selection and award disbursement:

- Arts and Design;
- Education;
- Te Reo;
- Commerce and Business;
- Hauora;
- Social Services.

6. Victoria University Scholarship

6.1. Support to attend Victoria University

The Rūnanga has established a strategic partnership with Victoria University (the 'university') to support registered Ngāpuhi students enrolled in their institution.

The University will contribute up to a total amount of \$10,000 to support registered Ngāpuhi students enrolled with them.

6.2. Eligibility

You are eligible to apply for this Scholarship if:

- You are registered with the Rūnanga;
- Formally enrolled as a student at Victoria University (Full-time if Undergraduate. Part-time study meets the criteria for Graduate and Post-Graduate categories)

The amount of funding per scholarship will also reflect the amounts outlined in section 7.1.

The Committee will use their discretion to determine the awarding and distribution of this scholarship.

7. Scholarship Distribution

7.1. The Individual and Total Value of Scholarships

University Entrance/NCEA Award

- 15 x \$500 Disbursements (Total \$7,500)

Bachelor/Undergraduate Ngāpuhi Scholarships.

- 42 x \$1,000 Bachelor Degree level disbursements (Total \$42,000)

Graduate / Post-Graduate Scholarships

- 7 x \$1500 Honours Degree (Total \$10, 500)
- 7 x \$1500 Graduate or Post-Graduate Diploma (Total \$10, 500)
- 5 x \$2,000 Masters disbursements (Total \$10,000)
- 4 x \$4,000 PhD disbursements (Total \$16,000)

8. Important Considerations and Processes

8.1. Key Processes

- Applications are vetted to ensure eligibility criteria are met
- Applications are organised into the appropriate funding category

8.2. Notification

- Applicants will receive notification of application receipt, and/or if applicable, requests for further information from the Rūnanga.

8.3. Consideration Preferences

All applications will align with the Strategic Goals of the Rūnanga, with preference being given to applicants whose study and work includes:

- A demonstrable transfer of skills and/or learning to programmes directly beneficial to Ngāpuhi;
- Areas of study that are highly desirable and beneficial to Ngāpuhi (see 5.1);
- Aspects of research and study that promote and encourage the sustainability and maintenance of whenua and moana;
- Aspects of research and study that promote the growth and understanding of Ngāpuhi tikanga and reo.

Applicants' prior academic coursework and results, where applicable, will also be taken into consideration.

9. Successful Applicants

9.1. Notification

All successful recipients will be notified and allocated the appropriate disbursement by 1st May in any given year.

9.2. Obligations

Although successful recipients are not bonded to the Rūnanga, they are expected to fulfil their agreement obligations by:

- Providing a copy of their end of year results by March of the year following their award; and/or
- Submission of a copy of their Master or PhD/Doctoral thesis to the Rūnanga (if applicable).
- Those applicants applying for the Post-Graduate Diploma Business Management (Māori Development) MUST successfully pass their papers to be eligible. Results of academic transcript must be provided.

9.3. Ineligibility

Successful applicants will be ineligible to apply for another scholarship award the year following receipt of their disbursement.

9.4. Maximum Awards

Ngāpuhi Scholarships are awarded to a single successful applicant a maximum of three (3) times. For example, in 2005 an applicant is awarded an undergraduate scholarship, in 2009 awarded a Masters Scholarship and in 2014 for a PhD/Doctoral Scholarship. This applicant will not be eligible to receive any further Scholarships.

Applicants are not eligible to be awarded a Ngāpuhi Scholarship over two (2) consecutive years.

9.5. Unsuccessful Applicants

If a scholarship application is not successful applicants may re-apply the following year.