



EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

FOR WI PERE WHĀNAU

2026

- ⇒ Full Time Tertiary Study
- ⇒ \$4,500 per year for a maximum of 4 years
- ⇒ **Closes 31 January 2026**
- ⇒ Application forms available from:-

**The Secretary
Wi Pere Trust
P O Box 169
GISBORNE**

Information for Applicants

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Wi Pere Trust education scholarships is to assist Wi Pere whānau to attend a tertiary institution to gain qualifications relevant to the Trust. The longer term aim is to recruit more whānau with tertiary qualifications which will aid them to attain senior positions in the Trust or similar businesses.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

There are two new scholarships available each year for full time study, up to a maximum of six operating at one time.

The scholarships are open to any member of the whānau.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Each scholarship is worth \$4,500 per year and is payable in three instalments, subject to enrolment in the tertiary institution. Instalment payments are as follows:

\$1,500 on evidence of enrolment

\$1,500 subject to semester 1 academic results being approved by Trust Board

\$1,500 subject to semester 2 academic results being approved by Trust Board

Scholarship holders will be expected to keep the Trust informed of any difficulties they may experience during the academic year. They will also need to provide a summary of their academic results throughout the year.

The Trust reserves the right to terminate the scholarship on the basis of unsatisfactory conduct or progress on the part of the scholar.

Each scholarship may be renewable for the following year if the current scholarship holder has attained academic grades equivalent to a "B+" average.

Scholarship holders will be encouraged to undertake paid vacation work at the Trust, if it is available.

The Trust will endeavour to provide permanent employment on the completion of the tertiary qualification, if it is available.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

Consideration will be given to applicants studying in New Zealand any University degree relevant to the Wi Pere Trust. Preference will be given to agricultural, horticultural, forestry or business students.

Applicants should have:-

- a a good academic record
- b personal attributes suitable for work in the Trust
- c the capacity to carry out the full range of technical duties as required by the Trust
- d community and cultural associations and identity
- e an interest in a career with the Trust or similar businesses
- f a willingness to work for the Trust during the long vacation and/or completion of full time study, if available.

APPLICATION PROCESS

1 All applicants must complete the application form and send to:-

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By 31 January 2026.

2 Applicants must ensure that they have pre-enrolled at tertiary institutions which require this.

3 Applicants must have included:-

- a Copies of academic records/results
- b Their names, addresses and contact numbers of at least three referees who can comment on your personal qualities, skills and experience in the following areas:-
 - ⇒ academic areas
 - ⇒ paid or unpaid work
 - ⇒ community involvement

Suitable referees could include:-

- ⇒ School Principal or Senior Teacher
- ⇒ Current or recent Lecturer
- ⇒ Teacher or Tutor in other training areas
- ⇒ Iwi, hapu or community group
- ⇒ Employer or supervisor in a position of responsibility who has been involved in a work situation (includes unpaid, voluntary, part or full time)

NB: Referees should be independent of family members

SELECTION PROCESS

Applicants will be informed in February if they have been chosen by the Selection Panel to be interviewed so those applying will need to be able to attend interviews in February or March should these be necessary.

Applicants may bring whanau support/support people to the interview, however, the Trust will only meet applicants travel costs.

The Trust reserves the right to withdraw the scholarship should there not be suitable applicants.

The Scholarship must be formally accepted within two weeks of being offered, and it must be taken up in the year offered.

WI PERE TRUST EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Please complete application form and return it to the Trust by **31 January 2026**.
Attach any extra pages if there is insufficient space for your answers.

Use a black pen for photocopying purposes.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Telephone Number: _____

Male/Female (please circle one)

Educational Record (please enclose copies of academic achievements)

1 **National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA Level 2)**

School attended: _____ Year _____

Subject	Grade

2 **National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA Level 3)**

School attended: _____ Year _____

Subject	Grade

3 **Tertiary**

Institute attended: _____ Year _____

Year	Paper	Stage/Level	Credits	Grade

4 **Current Year School/Institution attended:**

What study or examinations are you taking this year?

Subject	Grade

5 **2026 Study Tertiary Institution you expect to attend:**

6 **What degree/qualification do you intend to pursue?**

7 List the subjects you intend to study in 2026:

8 **Please state which papers you intend to include in the major subject of your qualification? This is not a final commitment. It is simply meant to provide an indication of your intentions.**

9 **We recognise a scholarship of \$4,500 is not enough to cover the costs of full time study. Please outline how you intend to manage financially. This should include estimated costs of your study next year (accommodation, living expenses, fees, books etc). You must include any currently held and potential awards or minor scholarships.**

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- 10 **Please outline your interest in the agricultural, horticultural, forestry or business area and any plans you may have for using the skills and knowledge you will gain. Explain why you are interested in possibly working for Wi Pere Trust.**

- 11 ***WORK EXPERIENCE***

Outline any work experience you have had (paid or unpaid)

- 12 ***COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL ASSOCIATION***

Please describe any involvement in community or cultural activities; and enclose copies of any awards or acknowledgements you have received.

KOROWAI MĀORI

- 1 **Iwi** _____
 Hapu _____
 Marae _____
- 2 **Whakapapa** - *Please complete below showing direct descendancy to the Wi Pere whānau.*

Tipuna (Great grandparents)	Tipuna (Great grandparents)
Tipuna (Grandparents)	Tipuna (Grandparents)
Matua - Father	Whaea - Mother
Kaitono (Person Applying)	

- 3 **Please indicate your ability in Te Reo Māori**

REFEREES

Please give the names, addresses and contact numbers of at least three referees. Ask your referees to send a reference outlining your skills, experiences and personal qualities that are suitable for this Scholarship directly to the Wi Pere Trust (as outlined in the Privacy Act Provisions which follows).

- 1 **Name** _____
 Address _____
 Contact Phone Number _____
- 2 **Name** _____
 Address _____
 Contact Phone Number _____
- 3 **Name** _____
 Address _____
 Contact Phone Number _____

Privacy Act Provisions

The information requested in this application form will be used solely for the purposes of assessing your application for this Scholarship. Personal information contained in this application will be made available to Trustees. We will be obtaining third party information as follows:-

- * Personal reference (written or spoken) from the persons whom you have named in your application.

Personal references from the people you have named are obtained on the strict understanding that they are confidential to the Trustees and you may not have access to those references without the written authorisation of the author.

The Wi Pere Trust undertakes to store your application in a secure place if you are successful in gaining the Scholarship or selected as a reserve candidate, or to destroy your application to preserve its confidentiality if you are unsuccessful.

I, _____ (name) agree to the above conditions in respect of my Scholarship application to Wi Pere Trust.

Applicant to sign _____ Date _____

All the above information in my Scholarship application is true and correct

Applicant to sign _____ Date _____

CHECKLIST

Before you send in this application form, ensure you have:

- 1 Read the information for Applicants
- 2 Enclosed a copy of your birth certificate
- 3 Enclosed copies of documents - showing exam/study/community achievements. You will not be credited for any qualifications unless you supply copies of the official documents.
- 4 Arranged for three referees to send references directly to the Wi Pere Trust at the address below.
- 5 Checked whether you will need to pre-enrol at your chosen tertiary institution.
- 6 Completed all sections and signed the application form.

Send completed application forms and references to

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