

Ngāti Kuri Education Funding Scholarship Policy 2011

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1. Introduction

- 1.1. Ngāti Kuri Trust Board Incorporated ("the Board") acknowledges that quality education is a key enabler to the overall wellbeing of ngā uri o Ngāti Kuri. To assist our people achieve optimum life quality, cultural identity and responsible leadership the Board allocates funds for Scholarships ("Ngāti Kuri scholarships") to support Ngāti Kuri educational achievement.
- 1.2. The Board has identified five strategic areas of priority in consideration of all Ngāti Kuri scholarships:

- Medical and Health Sciences
- Business Management
- Information and Communication Technology
- Fisheries and Resource Management / Environmental Science
- Te Reo and Tikanga Māori

- 1.3. These strategic areas support the Board's Mahere Rautaki 2010 – 2020. Applications that align with the Board's strategic direction will be given preferential consideration.
- 1.4. Ngāti Kuri scholarships are available to all registered Ngāti Kuri Iwi members who are formally enrolled and studying towards an NZQA recognised tertiary qualification. At the discretion of the Board, Ngāti Kuri scholarships may be granted for courses that are not NZQA recognised but meet the Board's strategic direction.

2. Purpose

- 2.1. To provide financial support to Ngāti Kuri taura. To encourage, support and celebrate education success and academic excellence. To support the realisation of Mahere Rautaki 2010 – 2020. To invest in the development of ngā uri o Ngāti Kuri knowledge and workforce for future generations. To achieve tino rangatiratanga.

3. Ngāti Kuri Scholarship

- 3.1. The Ngāti Kuri scholarship is a contestable fund budgeted for annually during the Board's fiscal year (1 October to 30 September). The quantum for the fund is set at \$25,000 (reviewed annually).
- 3.2. If there are insufficient eligible applications for specified levels of disbursement then those funds at the discretion of the Board's Scholarships Selection Committee, can be allocated to other areas of academic engagement. Unused amounts do not accrue over subsequent years.
- 3.3. The amount of the scholarship shall be a contribution towards the cost and not represent the total cost to the individual.
- 3.4. Whether the applicant has been a recipient in previous years will be a factor in the Board's considerations.

4. Available Scholarships

- 4.1. There are three (3) tiers of Ngāti Kuri Scholarships available:

4.1.1. Certificate/Diploma Ngāti Kuri Scholarship

These scholarships are available to taura who are enrolled in programmes at a Certificate/Diploma Level that are a pathway to further higher education study i.e. Bachelor/Undergraduate Degrees. It is anticipated that successful completion of your course and receipt of an academic transcript, certificate or diploma will provide eligibility to apply for admission to a higher level of study. The Board's Grants and Scholarship Committee may request that applicants produce a letter confirming their course provides admission eligibility to higher learning.

Certificate/Diploma level scholarships will be awarded from a pool of \$3,000 \$250 - 1st year of study, \$500 - 2nd and subsequent year(s) of study.

4.1.2. Bachelor/Undergraduate Ngāti Kuri Scholarships

These scholarships are available for taura who are studying full-time at an accredited educational institution and studying towards a Bachelor/Undergraduate Degree.

Up to seven (7) Bachelor/Undergraduate Degree level scholarships will be awarded at a disbursement of \$1,000 each from a pool of \$7,000.

4.1.3. Graduate and Postgraduate Ngāti Kuri Scholarships

There are three levels of full-time study in this category with the level or disbursements reflecting the commitment and academic standard required to undertake and attain academic achievement at this level.

- Graduate Diploma or Postgraduate Diploma
- Masters Degree
- PhD/Doctoral Studies

Four (4) Graduate Diploma or Postgraduate Diploma level scholarships will be awarded at a disbursement of \$1,500 each from a pool of \$6,000. Three (3) Masters Degree level scholarships will be awarded at a disbursement of \$2,000 each from a pool of \$6,000. One (1) PhD/Doctoral level scholarships will be awarded at a disbursement of \$3,000 from a pool of \$3,000. This will be called the *Ratima Petera Scholarship Fund*.

5. Eligibility Criteria

5.1. Applicants must:

- Be registered on the Ngāti Kuri Trust Board register
- Be EITHER undertaking a tertiary level course as recognised by NZQA full-time or part-time OR undertaking a course, at the Board's discretion, that meets the Board's strategic direction (refer 1.4)
- Submit a fully completed Ngāti Kuri Scholarships Application including all required information. Applications must be received at the Ngāti Kuri Trust Board's office, Te Manawa by 5pm March 31st (closing date) of the year of application (incomplete applications will not be considered)
- Provide a letter of support from one of their Ngāti Kuri Marae
- Provide at least one other support letter for the application
- Provide proof of enrolment for year of scholarship application and a transcript of previous year's grades (where applicable)
- Provide in writing details of how your course of study will contribute to your aspirations and meet the directions of Ngāti Kuri Trust Board's strategic direction
- Provide evidence of course enrolment and related costs (invoices and/or receipts)
- Declare if you have applied to other funders for assistance
- Agree, if required to participate in an interview process. The Board's preference is to conduct interviews in person. However, the Board will consider 'virtual' interviews if requested by the Applicant (e.g. by Skype or phone)
- Provide a passport size photo (or electronic file)
- Provide a verified bank deposit slip

Note: Supporting documentation (transcripts etc) must be verified copies of originals. Where originals are submitted, the administrator will return these if requested at the time of application provided a stamped self address envelope is included with the application.

6. Application Processes

6.1. Applications received by closing date (31 March) will:

- Be vetted to ensure eligibility criteria is met and checked for completeness
- Have notification of application receipt and if applicable, requests for further information sent
- Be separated into appropriate funding categories
- Be considered in line with the appropriateness of the study programme to the strategic goals in the Ngāti Kuri Trust Board Mahere Rautaki with preference to those applicants whose study aligns with the strategic areas of priority described in this policy (refer 1.2)

Note: The applicant is solely responsible for providing correct and timely information and relevant documentation. Incomplete applications will not be presented to the Scholarships Committee.

7. Ngāti Kuri Scholarship processing and recipient information

- 7.1. Application will be processed by mid April each year with all applicants being informed of the Board's decision by end of April.
- 7.2. If a Scholarship application is not successful applicants may re-apply in the following year.
- 7.3. All successful applicants will be allocated the appropriate disbursement by 20 May in any given year.
- 7.4. Recipients will report back to the Board. The specifics concerning the report-back are to be determined by the Board in consultation with the successful applicant.
- 7.5. The recipients agree to the Board's use of their names and photos in Ngāti Kuri Trust Board communications (newsletters, reports, website).
- 7.6. The applications will be considered by the Board's Grant's and Scholarship Committee a panel appointed by the Ngāti Kuri Trust Board whose decisions will be final and binding. No correspondence will be entered into on these matters.

8. Timeframes

- 8.1. Applications for Ngāti Kuri Scholarships open 1 February.
- 8.2. The closing date and time for receipt of applications is 5pm on 31 March.
- 8.3. All application will be processed ready for selection by Mid April.
- 8.4. All applicants will be informed of the Board's decision by 30 April.
- 8.5. Disbursements made to successful Scholarship recipients 20 May.