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Ngarimu VC and 28th (Māori) Battalion Memorial Scholarship Application Guidance

This guidance will help you fill in the application form. If you have any questions, please feel free to email us at Ngarimu.Scholarships@education.govt.nz or by calling 0800 165 225.

Ngarimu scholarships are funded by the Ngarimu VC and 28th (Māori) Battalion Memorial Scholarship Fund Board.

The Board awards scholarships annually to exceptional Māori students for vocational or tertiary study. They are for students who demonstrate characteristics that align with the values of the 28th Māori Battalion.

Eligibility

To be eligible for a Ngarimu scholarship you must be:

- of Māori descent or whakapapa to a recognised Māori iwi
- enrolling in or already enrolled to continue full-time tertiary study or training for the scholarship year

Study requirements

You must be enrolled in your course of study in the year that you would receive the money for the scholarship. For example, if you apply for the scholarship in 2026, you would receive the money for the scholarship in 2027. You must still be enrolled in your course in 2027.

Your study/training must be full time. For a typical academic course, this equates to 120 credits per year.

Scholarship Types

From 2026 there are 14 scholarships available each year:

- **5 vocational education and training (VET) scholarships**, each valued at \$10,000 for study of a non-degree qualification at New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) levels 4 to 7. The qualification must be at least 120 credits in total.
- **4 undergraduate scholarships**, each valued up to \$30,000 (\$10,000 per year of full-time study for up to 3 years)

- **3 master's scholarship** valued up to \$20,000 (\$10,000 per year of full-time study for up to 2 years)
- **1 Master of Education research scholarship** valued up to \$20,000 (\$10,000 per year of full-time study, for up to 2 years)
- **1 doctoral scholarship** valued up to \$40,000 (\$20,000 per year of full-time study for up to 2 years).

Scholarship Requirements

Vocational education and training (VET) scholarships

This scholarship is for ākongā doing vocational education, including:

- apprenticeships
- traineeships
- courses at a tertiary education provider, polytechnic, New Zealand Institute of Skills and Technology (formerly Te Pūkenga), wānanga and private training establishments.

You can apply if:

- your course leads to a certificate or diploma at levels 4 to 7 on the New Zealand Qualifications and Credentials Framework. If you are not sure what level your course is at, you can ask your provider
- you can be doing your course in a workplace as an apprentice or be doing classes at a provider
- your qualification is at least 120 credits in total and you are engaged in your study or training full-time
- you are doing a level 4 apprenticeship: this scholarship is focused on ākongā who have completed years 1 to 2 of their apprenticeship and are enrolling in their third or fourth subsequent year.

This scholarship is not for ākongā doing a bachelor's degree. If you are doing a bachelor's degree you can apply for the **undergraduate Ngarimu scholarship**.

If you are doing an apprenticeship and you move to a new employer, you can keep getting the scholarship as long as you stay enrolled in that apprenticeship.

Undergraduate scholarships

This scholarship is for ākongā completing an undergraduate degree (including honors years). You can be planning to enter your first year or planning to continue a degree.

Your application must include a full academic transcript or, if you have not yet begun tertiary study, your NZQA record of learning for NCEA Level 2 (and Level 3 if applicable) or equivalent Cambridge International Examinations or International Baccalaureate. The transcript or academic record must include courses/papers/units studied, grades or marks obtained, and the duration of study.

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You must also be able to provide an endorsement of your academic achievement and suitability to study. This could be from a school principal, tutor, lecturer or other person involved in your study journey so far but cannot be from a friend or family member.

Master's scholarship & Master of Education Research scholarship

The Master of Education research scholarship is for candidates who are planning to complete Māori education research as part of their master's degree. The research may involve various aspects of Māori education including student learning, teaching methods, teacher training, and classroom dynamics.

The master's scholarship is for candidates studying any other subject.

Applications for these scholarships will need to include:

- an endorsement of your academic achievement and suitability to study
- a brief statement of up to 250 words outlining the topic, the reasons for your interest in the subject area and your future expectations.

If your research is relevant, your application can be considered for both of the master's level scholarships.

Doctoral scholarship

This doctoral scholarship is available only to candidates who have completed their provisional or foundation year of a PhD programme and have been accepted for full registration.

If you are applying for the doctoral scholarship you must include:

- confirmation that you have completed your provisional year in a PhD programme
- confirmation that your tertiary institution's doctoral committee has approved your full enrolment status in the PhD programme
- a 500-word essay outlining the topic of your thesis/doctorate, and
- a reference from your chief supervisor.

Completing the Application Form

The application form is an online form hosted on Survey Monkey.

There are two different application forms – one for **Academic scholarships** (undergraduate, master's and doctoral awards) and one for **Vocational scholarships**.

Links to the application forms can be found on the [Ministry's Ngarimu scholarships webpage](#).

We encourage you to read through this application guide and see what information and attachments you need to provide, before filling in the application.

Please note that the form should be completed all at once, as your progress may not be saved and you could lose what you have written. If you want to work on your answers over time, we advise you to store them in a separate document and paste them into the application form when you are ready to complete it.

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Filling in the Application Form

Section One - Applicant Details

First, confirm the **scholarship you are applying for**, and that you will be **studying full time**. Provide your **full name, email address, phone number and physical address** that you usually use so we can contact you.

Don't use your school email if you are at school now, as it will not work when you leave school.

Additionally, we ask your **date of birth** and **gender**. These may be used for statistical purposes.

Section Two – Study Details

This section asks **what** and **where** you plan to study.

We also want to know how far along you are in your studies (what **year of study** you are in and when you expect to **complete** your qualification/course) and if you are **currently receiving or have previously received any other scholarships**.

Study/training history: Your application must include an **academic or training record to show your progress in training or study**.

This can be a record of achievement or other record of learning, for example a *MyBCITO* record, a transcript from your tertiary provider, [record of achievement via NZQA](#) for NCEA or other NZQA qualification results, or other record of learning from your course provider.

For academic applicants, we expect a full academic transcript. Ideally, we would like to see 1-2 years of results, including grades for individual papers/courses. If you would like to upload multiple documents, you will need to combine them into one file.

Files for upload can be up to 16MB in size and can be PDF, Microsoft Word documents, or image files PNG, JPG, JPEG, or GIF.

Study/training summary:

For vocational applicants:

- We want to know **what you are studying** and **why you are studying that qualification or area**. You can also include anything else you think is important for the panel to know about your study/training pathway to date i.e. details of extenuating circumstances around specific grades.

For academic applicants

- We want to know about your **academic kaupapa** and **for master's and doctoral applicants, your area of research**. You can also include anything else you think is important for the panel to know about your academic pathway to date, such as any comments about your academic performance, i.e. details of extenuating circumstances around specific grades.
- For **doctoral** applicants, there are additional questions around your **enrolment status**.

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Study/training endorsement: We would like to confirm your achievement and commitment to completing your studies. Your application must include **a reference/endorsement that comments on your achievement and suitability for training and/or study.**

This reference should be from **someone involved in your study or training journey** ie a lecturer, tutor, secondary school staff member, or workplace assessor (for apprentices). Note the letter cannot be from a friend or family member.

For **doctoral** applicants, your endorsement must be a **reference from your chief supervisor** who can comment on your academic abilities, and your commitment and contribution to your area of study. They should also provide confirmation of your acceptance into the PhD programme.

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Section Three - Whakapapa & Pepeha

This section asks you for details of your wider whānau, if known. If you are unsure, you can write 'Unsure'.

Whakapapa link(s) to members of the 28th (Māori) Battalion: This question may require some research, asking you to detail any known whakapapa link(s) to members of the 28th (Māori) Battalion. If you do not have direct links, or those links are unknown, you can choose one or more members to write about. You should write about **who they were, and how they have inspired you.** This long form answer should be around 300 words for vocational applicants or 500-1000 for academic applicants.

Whakapapa endorsement: please upload an endorsement/verification of your whakapapa from a kaumātua, marae representative or authorised person from your iwi or rūnanga.

Alternatively, endorsement can be from a professional person of Māori descent within your community. Examples include a school staff member (e.g. career adviser, sports coach or teacher), or a professional person from your community (e.g. priest or pastor, a lawyer, doctor, or any other professional person). The verifier must be of New Zealand Māori descent, know you and/or your family well, and cannot be a close family member such as a sibling, spouse, uncle/aunt, cousin, parent or grandparent.

Section Four – Te Reo Māori

Please write a brief statement in Te Reo Māori describing one achievement of the Ngarimu VC and 28th (Māori) Battalion **to show your capability in Te Reo Māori.**

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Please provide a statement in Māori or English explaining **how you champion Te Reo Māori in your life**, such as your involvement in kōhanga, kura, te reo tertiary programmes or qualifications, kaikōrero/kaikārange, marae experience, or te reo use in the home or workplace.

We also ask about your level of **capability or proficiency in Te Reo Māori** – this answer may be used for statistical purposes, this answer is not used to assess your application.

Section Five - Ngā Uara (Values)

The Ngarimu VC and the 28th (Māori) Battalion were renowned for their skills and bravery in the Second World War. Their service was not only a fight against enemy forces overseas, but also a struggle for recognition, equality, and the affirmation of their identity as Māori on their own whenua. This battle for respect and belonging became known as the 'Price of Citizenship' (See: Soutar, M., 2008, *Ngā Tama Toa: The Price of Citizenship*). A powerful reminder that their sacrifice was tied not only to war, but to the right to be seen, valued, and accepted as equals.

All applicants are required to write about one or more uara (value) consistent with the 28th (Māori) Battalion soldiers, keeping in mind the contribution of the Ngarimu VC and the 28th (Māori) Battalion.

Vocational and undergraduate applicants are expected to write up to 500 words. Master's applicants are expected to write up to 1,000 words and doctoral applicants up to 2,000 words.

The uara and question prompts are:

- **Whanaungatanga** - How do you see your educational pursuits connecting and empowering your whānau/hapū and/or communities?
- **Rangatiratanga** - How do you display and enact leadership? When have you needed to make courageous decisions?
- **Tuakiritanga** - How does the work you do (study or otherwise) contribute to an aspect of Te Ao Māori? What are your aspirations for te iwi Māori?

For vocational applicants only:

He Ringa Raupā – a portfolio of work

If you are engaged in a 'hands-on' eligible programme of study (e.g. trades, beauty, fashion, etc) please upload He Ringa Raupā – a portfolio of work.

Your portfolio should be no longer than 3-4 pages and may include photos, pictures, and drawings that highlight your work. You should also provide short descriptions/narrative explaining your images and how they relate to the knowledge, skills, experience or uara of the 28th (Māori) Battalion. You may also want to include why your mahi is important to your whānau, rohe/iwi.

Section Six – Privacy Statement and Applicant Declaration

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Please read the **privacy statement**, which outlines how we will use the information you provide in your application.

Please read the **applicant declaration**, which asks you to confirm that the information you have provided is correct, and acknowledge that if your form is incomplete your application may be cancelled.

You will be asked to **agree each of these** by ticking a confirmation box. If you do not agree to the statement and declaration, we will be unable to assess the application form, and you will not be able to apply.

In the final question, we ask **where you heard about the scholarships** so we can make sure our communications work as well as possible to support people to apply for the Ngarimu scholarships next year.

Completed Application

Once you complete the application form and submit it, you will get an automated email via Survey Monkey to acknowledge we have received your application.

Applications that are not supported by the correct documents will be considered incomplete and will not be assessed for a scholarship.

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