

**TE RŪNANGA O WHAINGAROA
BOARD OF TRUSTEE POLICY
EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP POLICY**

<p>INTRODUCTION</p>	<p>The policy outlines the eligibility and application criteria, terms and conditions relating to the selection and disbursement of Scholarships by the Rūnanga.</p> <p>The purpose of the Policy is to ensure that there is a criterion framework that can be applied consistently in the processes of administration, decision-making, and award disbursement.</p> <p>It also ensures that good practice principles of fairness, clarity, and transparency are embedded through each stage of the granting process.</p> <p>The Policy underpins all Rūnanga governance and operational practices and decisions in this area of funding.</p> <p>The Rūnanga introduced and established the Scholarships in 2018. The overall aim of the Scholarships is to assist applicants who are registered with Te Rūnanga O Whaingaroa to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fulfil their potential for academic, sporting and cultural success • Encourage applicants to contribute their knowledge and skills towards the wellbeing and development of whānau, hapū and iwi.
<p>POLICY</p>	<p>Eligibility</p> <p>Scholarships are available to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • all students of Ngāpuhi/Ngati Kahu ki Whaingaroa descent who are enrolled in formal education and • are registered with the Rūnanga • Submit a fully completed the Scholarship Application Form including all requested information by the closing date. Incomplete applications will not be accepted • Sign the application’s Privacy and Declaration form’s. • Have their application received by the Scholarship round closing date <p>Scholarships are available for approved studies at the following levels:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECE/Ohanga Reo • Kura Kaupapa/Primary Schooling YRS 1-8 • Whare Kura/ Secondary YRS 9-13 • Tertiary/Whare Wananga including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Certificate ○ Diploma ○ Degree ○ Postgraduate Degree ○ Masters ○ Doctorate <p>Funding Allocation</p> <p>Scholarships are budgeted annually and is currently set at \$5,000.00 per annum.</p> <p>In addition, Marae distributions not uplifted in the financial year they were allocated will be transferred to the education scholarships fund for use only by applicants from these Marae. These amounts will be identified separately from the general</p>

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education scholarships fund.

Should there be insufficient eligible applications for specified levels of disbursement then those funds, at the discretion of the Committee, can be carried over or accrued over subsequent years.

Grants Sub-Committee

The applications will be considered by the Committee appointed by the Rūnanga Board, whose decisions will be final and binding. No correspondence will be entered into on these matters.

The board may at its discretion appoint external committee members, being a Principal/local sports administrator or cultural advisor in the Kaeo/Whangaroa rohe.

Scholarships Available

There are Four tiers of Scholarships available:

- **ECE/Ōhanga Reo** for those enrolled in Ōhanga Reo, Kindergarten, Montessori, Rudolph Steiner, Playcentre, Playgroups, Puna Reo or similar
- **Kura Kaupapa/Primary Schooling YRS 1-8**, for those enrolled in Kura Kaupapa, Rūmaki Reo, Mainstream Schools, Bilingual Schools, Kura ā Iwi, Special needs services, Private school, Special Character schools, Correspondence schools or similar
- **Whare Kura/ Secondary YRS 9-13**, for those enrolled in Whare Kura, Rūmaki Reo, Mainstream Schools, Bilingual Schools, Kura ā Iwi, Special needs services, Private school, Special Character schools, Correspondence schools or similar
- **Tertiary/Whare Wānanga**, for those enrolled in Certificate, Diploma, Degree, Postgraduate Degree, Masters, Doctorate studies

Contractors, Employees and Board Members

Current contractors, employees and board members of the Rūnanga are ineligible to apply for education scholarships.

Alignment with Rūnanga Strategic Goals

The scholarship selection and award disbursement are underpinned by strategic goals of the Rūnanga. These goals are:

- Whakawhānaungatanga
- Te Reo me ōna tikanga
- Hauora/Waiora
- Te Ūkaipō
- Te Tāhuhu o Te Mātauranga
- Whakaara Ōranga Pākihi
- Kāinga Ora

Marae, Iwi Hui

All applicants are encouraged to attend local Marae Hui, Hui A Iwi, AGMS and any other Iwi related Hui outside of the rohe that encourage participation and engagement in whānau, hapū, Iwi development.

Scholarship Values/Amounts

The total across the four tiers of scholarships can not exceed the annual allocation of \$5,000.00 per annum.

The Marae distributions transferred across into the Education Scholarships can

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only be used by those applicants who Whakapapa to that particular Marae, which is identified in the Rūnanga Iwi registration database.

The amounts available for each education tier are as follows:

Application Type	Value
Registered ECE/Ōhanga Reo	\$50.00
Schooling Years 1-8	\$75.00
Schooling Years 9-13	\$120.00
Training/Vocational Study	\$120.00
Certificate or Diploma	\$150.00
Bachelors	\$160.00
Post Graduate	\$200.00
Masters or PHD	\$500.00

Important considerations and processes

Key Processes

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

Notifications

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

Consideration

All applications are considered in line with the relevance and alignment of the study programme to the strategic goals of the Rūnanga, with preference being given to applicants whose study and learning includes:

- Our Tamariki who are beginning their learning journey and our elderly learners
- A demonstrable transfer of skills and/or learning to programmes directly beneficial to the Iwi
- Areas of study that are highly desirable to the Iwi
- Aspects of study that promote and encourage the sustainability and maintenance of Putaiao and Ūkaipō
- Aspects and study that promote the growth and understanding of tikanga and te reo
- Applicants prior academic coursework and results where applicable will be taken into consideration.

Successful Applicants

Notification

All successful recipients will be notified and allocated the appropriate disbursement by the notification periods advised in any calendar year. The 2018 Calendar year is as follows:

Round	Year	Open	Close	Notification	Payment made
Tahi	2023	1 May	15 June	20 July	23 July
Rua	2023	1 October	9 November	14 December	17 Jan. 2024

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	<p>Obligations Although the successful recipients are not bonded to the Rūnanga, they are expected to fulfil their obligations by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirmation by parent/caregiver that the applicant is still attending school and has reported back on their attendance levels. • Providing a copy of year end educational results if they intend on re-applying for a further scholarship • Submission of a copy of their Masters PHD/Doctoral thesis to the Rūnanga, if applicable <p>Ineligibility Applicants are ineligible, if they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • were awarded a scholarship in the year following receipt of the previous disbursement; • Are enrolled in an educational programme that is not approved by the board; and • Are not registered members of the Rūnanga. <p>Maximum Awards Rūnanga scholarships are awarded to an applicant for a maximum of twice only in any one of the four tiers of scholarship.</p> <p>Unsuccessful Applicants If a scholarship applicant is unsuccessful, they re-apply in any subsequent rounds.</p>
RESPONSIBILITY	The Chair is responsible for ensuring that this policy is adhered to The Grants Sub-Committee is responsible for ensuring this policy is adhered to
COMPLIANCE	
REFERENCES	

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