

# He Manu Pīrere nō Te Kōhanga Reo

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)



<b>1. How do I apply for a Scholarship?</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visit the Te Kōhanga Reo website: <a href="https://www.kohanga.ac.nz/te-whanau/nga-manu-pirere">https://www.kohanga.ac.nz/te-whanau/nga-manu-pirere</a> to apply online, or download a copy of the form;</li> <li>• Email <a href="mailto:hemanupirere@kohanga.ac.nz">hemanupirere@kohanga.ac.nz</a>;</li> <li>• Contact your local Te Kōhanga Reo Regional office or Kōhanga Reo.</li> </ul>	
<b>2. Who can apply?</b>	
The Kōhanga Reo scholarships are available to Manu Pīrere only (i.e. graduates of Kōhanga Reo). For clarity, this includes any mokopuna that were enrolled at, and attended kōhanga reo, for a minimum of two years or more.	
<b>3. When do applications close?</b>	
5:00pm on Friday 4 April 2025.	
<b>4. How do I verify my Kōhanga attendance?</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a letter of support from your previous Kōhanga Reo.</li> </ul> <p><b>If the Kōhanga is no longer operating, then:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a letter of support from a previous kaimahi, or</li> <li>• another member of the whānau that is able to verify your attendance at Kōhanga Reo.</li> </ul>	
<b>5. How do I know if my Kōhanga Reo is eligible?</b>	
An eligible Kōhanga Reo would have been chartered to Te Kōhanga Reo National Trust and have a six-digit identification number i.e. 04D022. If you do not know the Kōhanga ID number, provide the full name and address of your Kōhanga Reo.	
<b>6. How do I verify my course enrolment / apprenticeship?</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a letter of acceptance from your training provider verifying entry into your course</li> <li>• an authorised (signed) copy of your course confirmation letter</li> <li>• a letter from your insitute, wānanga, PTE, TEO / trade training provider / employer etc</li> </ul>	
<b>7. How do I verify that Te Reo is included in my course of study? (note: this requirement is not mandatory and is not applicable for Trade Scholarships)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a letter from your training provider verifying the courses you are enrolled in</li> <li>• an official copy of your confirmed course list</li> <li>• a copy of your course list downloaded from your tertiary login, and signed/verified by your tertiary provider</li> </ul>	
<b>8. Am I eligible if my course is fees free?</b>	
Yes. The scholarships are not limited to course fees but are to alleviate costs of study.	
<b>9. What if I withdraw from or fail my course, do I have to repay the scholarship?</b>	
If you withdraw from a course and choose not to continue studying we would require the scholarship be refunded. Failure of a course will not require repayment.	
<b>10. How do I submit my application?</b>	
You can apply online, or hardcopy applications can be submitted by post, email or in person:	
<b>By Post:</b>	Te Kōhanga Reo National Trust PO Box 38-471, WELLINGTON

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<b>In Person:</b>	Te Kōhanga Reo National Trust 67 Hankey Street Mount Cook, WELLINGTON 6011
<b>By Email:</b>	<a href="mailto:hemanupirere@kohanga.ac.nz">hemanupirere@kohanga.ac.nz</a>
<p>For scholarship applications submitted by email:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• please ensure that all documents are scanned in a readable condition.</li> <li>• Email attachments <b>must not exceed</b> 10Mb. For applications larger than 10Mb, please either submit your application across separate emails, compress your files, or simply send your application by post instead.</li> <li>• Applications and all accompanying material must be received by <b>5pm on Friday 4 April 2025</b></li> </ul>	
<b>11. I only attended Kōhanga Reo for one year or less, can I still apply?</b>	
No. Applicants must have attended Kōhanga for a minimum of two years. Verification of Kōhanga Reo attendance must be provided with your application.	
<b>12. Who will assess the scholarships, what are the assessment criteria?</b>	
Te Kōhanga Reo National Trust will appoint an independent panel to assess each application against a defined set of criteria. For example, verified enrolment at a Kōhanga Reo, a proven academic record, involvement within the community, Marae, Kōhanga Reo or Kura. Applicants should clearly demonstrate the importance of Te Reo me ngā tikanga.	
<b>13. How and when will I be notified about the outcome of my application?</b>	
Notification will be by email within two months of the scholarship closing date.	
<b>14. When is the awards ceremony? Do I have to attend?</b>	
All successful applicants will receive a tono with an expectation to participate in a scholarship ceremony as a commitment to the kaupapa and in acknowledgement of their formal awards. The ceremony may be held online or in person.	
<b>15. If I'm successful, how will Te Kōhanga Reo use my photograph for publication purposes?</b>	
All successful scholarship applicants will be asked to consent to their name, details and photograph being used for publicity purposes related to the He Manu Pīrere Scholarships as part of the promotion of Kōhanga Reo. These are likely to be included on our Te Kōhanga Reo National Trust website, Facebook page, and in our Kōhanga Reo pānui. Applicants will make themselves available to create promotional material or provide information within reason to enhance the "He Manu Pīrere" scholarship program and/or promote Kōhanga Reo.	
<b>16. If my application is unsuccessful, can I apply again in the following year?</b>	
Yes.	
<b>17. If my application is successful, am I able to apply again for the same scholarship?</b>	
No. Applicants can only be awarded a scholarship once. You cannot apply for the same scholarship twice (in more than one year) but you may apply for the other scholarships (if eligible).	
<b>18. I did not attend a Kōhanga Reo, or I was a kaimahi in Kōhanga Reo - can I apply?</b>	
No. He Manu Pīrere Scholarships are intended for graduates of Kōhanga Reo only.	
<b>19. I'm currently only studying part-time; can I still apply?</b>	
No. Applicants must be undertaking full-time study.	

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<b>20. How do I verify my bank account details?</b>
Provide a bank verified deposit slip of your bank account details. A screenshot of your account details from your online banking login, or a digital copy of your account number from an online statement may be accepted. Alternatively, payments can be made directly to your training provider.
<b>21. I am unable to access a kaumātua / kuia to endorse my application, is anyone else able to?</b>
While it is preferred, we understand that access to a kaumātua or kuia to verify your whakapapa may not always be possible. In these instances, you may approach a member of your hapori, someone who knows you such as a teacher, a Minister (Hāhi), doctor, Justice of the Peace, or similar. The verifier must clearly state on the application what role they hold within the community.
<b>22. Does my application have to be in te reo Māori, will it affect assessment if it is not?</b>
Kei a koe te tikanga.
<b>23. I am a secondary school student, and I am undertaking some tertiary-level papers as part of my course of study. Am I eligible to apply?</b>
No. Applicants must be undertaking full-time tertiary-level studies
<b>23. I attended Kōhanga Reo but I am not studying Te Reo as part of my tertiary course, am I still eligible to apply? (note: this requirement is not applicable for Trade Scholarships)</b>
If Te Reo Māori is included as part of your current programme of study, please provide evidence by way of a course list. If Te Reo Māori is not included as part of your current programme of study, you will need to demonstrate your ongoing commitment to the revitalization of Te Reo in your daily life. Please clearly articulate this in section 6 of the application form.