The Māreikura Scholarship

Funding Guidelines

The Māreikura Scholarship acknowledges and recognises the many kuia who have stood firmly behind the kaupapa of Mana Enhancing STOP whānau in Rotorua. These wāhine have been true pou in the community, embodying compassion and unwavering dedication to supporting whānau through recovery.

This scholarship was established to honour these kuia who have provided a foundation to support our whānau through Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) challenges, and to carry their legacy forward by supporting Māori with lived experience of AOD challenges who are pursuing further education.

Purpose

The purpose of the Māreikura Scholarship is to:

- Uplift Māori with lived experience with AOD to achieve their educational and personal aspirations.
- Encourage study pathways that contribute to recovery, wellbeing, and the strengthening of whānau and communities.
- Support the development of a skilled, compassionate Māori workforce grounded in kaupapa Māori approaches to healing and recovery.

Alignment with Mana Enhancing STOP Vision

This scholarship aligns with Mana Enhancing STOP Trust's vision:

"To create a thriving, drug-free community where individuals and whānau are empowered to reclaim their lives through kaupapa Māori-based recovery support."

By supporting Māori learners who are walking their own recovery journeys, the scholarship nurtures future leaders who will help build thriving, drug-free communities. It recognises that lived experience, when supported and valued, can become a powerful force for change.

Eligibility

Applicants must be:

- A New Zealand citizen or permanent resident;
- Able to affirm any ancestry verification requirements;
- Enrolled at an Aotearoa-based tertiary institution for the year of the award

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Application Process

Every applicant must submit:

- A curriculum vitae
- A copy of their academic transcript
- A letter of reference
- Reason for applying for this Scholarship

Selection Criteria

Applications will be assessed on:

- How their journey and aspirations reflect the values of these kuia and Mana Enhancing STOP.
- Relevance of their chosen study in AOD, recovery, or community wellbeing.
- How they plan to give back to their whānau or community.
- How this support will help them achieve success in their studies.

Financial

- The scholarship is valued at up to $5,000.
- The award payment will be made in two instalments.
- For part-time enrolment, the scholarship will be pro-rated.
- The value of the scholarship may be reviewed from time to time.

Tenure

- The Scholarship can be held with full-time or part-time tenure.
- The Scholarship must normally be taken up within one year of being awarded.

Other Requirements

- Award of the scholarship is dependent on being admitted to your proposed programme of study.
- Te Rau Ora reserves the right to use the names, photographs, and details of successful applicants for advertising and publicity.
- The award holders must agree to be reasonably available to participate in interviews and promotional activities if requested.
- You will be asked to declare any other scholarships that you have received.