



Applying for a TeachNZ Scholarship

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Apply for a TeachNZ Scholarship on the Education Workforce website. We only accept online applications.

Complete the seven sections of the application form. Upload certified documents as required. Ensure you read the [Certified Documents for TeachNZ Scholarships guidance](#) on the Education Workforce website to learn who can certify copies before starting your application.

You may apply for more than one TeachNZ scholarship if you meet the eligibility criteria. If you wish to apply for multiple scholarships, you must complete a separate application for each one.

How to apply

Click the application form link on the [Education Workforce](#) website. Click 'Create a user account or login'. Use your Google, Apple or Microsoft account details to create an account for the application. Older Hotmail accounts may not work.

On the 'Our Services' page, select 'Go' on the TeachNZ Scholarships tab. On the TeachNZ Scholarships page, select 'Apply Now' on the scholarship you want to apply for.

Complete all fields in the application form and upload your documents.

Upload your certified documents in PDF or Microsoft Office file formats. You can also upload pictures of your documents in .png or .jpg format. We cannot accept .HEIC format. Any applications not supported by the correct documents are considered ineligible and not assessed for a scholarship.

You can save the progress of your application form and complete it later if you don't delete your browser history or cache.

Click the "Submit" button to submit your completed application form. You will receive an acknowledgement email to confirm your application has been received. If you do not receive an acknowledgement email, please contact teachnz.admin@education.govt.nz immediately.

Complete the application form

Complete each section of the application form and upload your certified documents. The following information explains the questions you will be asked and which documents you need to upload.

Scholarship details

Select which scholarship you are applying for.

Interim check

This section checks your eligibility for a TeachNZ scholarship. If you are found not eligible, you cannot continue the application.

Introduction and Declaration

This section contains the privacy statement about how information you provide in the application is used and declaration statements. Read the declaration statements and accept by clicking the 'I Agree' box.

Personal details

Provide your name, date of birth, gender, ethnicity, iwi (if applicable) and New Zealand citizenship or residency status. Upload a certified copy of your New Zealand citizenship or residency.

If you are a New Zealand citizen, provide a certified copy of the ID page of your New Zealand passport, birth certificate or certificate of New Zealand citizenship.

If you are a New Zealand permanent resident or hold a resident visa, provide a certified copy of your main passport ID page and a passport page showing your New Zealand residency stamp and/or sticker or a certified copy of an e-visa.

Contact details

Provide your New Zealand postal address, phone number and email address.

Study plan

Choose your tertiary provider and ITE programme. Only approved programmes that lead to teacher registration are listed in the application form. Check the [Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand website](#) for the list of approved programmes.

You will need to confirm:

- if you are enrolled yet (only undergraduate Kupe Scholarship applicants must be enrolled when applying)
- which year of your ITE programme you will start studying in
- if you will begin studying at the start of the year or mid-year
- if you are studying full-time or part-time
- if you are studying an undergraduate or postgraduate qualification
- which sector you will teach in
- which priority area you will teach in, if applicable
- the level of te reo Māori immersion you plan to teach in (only Te Tipu Whakarito applicants).

Qualifications and other achievements

Provide evidence of **at least one** of the following for every year of study:

- A certified copy of your highest qualification (for example, secondary, vocational or tertiary study).

- A certified copy of academic transcripts for any study you have undertaken.
- Certified copies of any certificates or awards you hold (for example, a first aid or trade certificate).

If you have overseas qualifications, New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) **must** assess these before you submit your application. All documents must be translated into English. NZQA may take several weeks to assess this, so we recommend you contact NZQA quickly. If your qualification does not meet New Zealand equivalency requirements for your chosen TeachNZ programme of study and you are unable to enrol, your scholarship may be revoked.

If you have lost qualifications, they must be replaced so you can include them in your application. Contact NZQA or your education provider to request copies.

Contact NZQA by calling 0800 697 296 or visiting the [NZQA website](#).

CV / work history details

You may upload a copy of your work history, including any voluntary work or community involvement.

Criteria assessment

There are five criteria you will be asked to write about. These are:

- Relationship and engagement skills
- Leadership
- Motivations
- Communication skills
- Language proficiency/cultural competency and capability.

Describe and demonstrate your experience in these areas. You can write up to 500 words for each answer. The questions for each piece of criteria are included below. As part of your answer for the communications skills criteria, you must submit a video.

Criteria assessment: relationship and engagement skills

You are scored on how you have demonstrated your ability to engage and build relationships with youth, learners, families and your community. Provide examples demonstrating:

- Your characteristics, experiences and skills that help you engage and build relationships.
- How you build or have built effective relationships with Māori and/or Pacific communities.
- If applicable, work experience in Māori Medium and/or Pacific immersion settings.
- Work experience in any sector.
- Any community work you are involved in.

Criteria assessment: Leadership

You are scored on your experience and how you demonstrate your ability in influencing others to act. Write a statement describing:

- the necessary skills, attributes and qualities required in a leader
- your experience in leading and working with young people

- examples of how you demonstrated leadership and influenced others to act.

Criteria assessment: Motivations

Describe your motivations. You will be scored on:

- your motivations for going into teaching and your chosen subject/s or sector
- how your passion for your chosen subject/s or sector will shape future generations
- how you will apply your motivations for better outcomes for future generations.

Criteria assessment: Communication skills

Describe your communication skills. You are scored on:

- general behaviour (professionalism and courtesy)
- communication skills (ability to communicate clearly and confidently)
- personality (ability to get on with others, humour, adaptability)
- how you will represent Aotearoa New Zealand's education system
- how you will use your communication skills in the classroom and to engage with students.

Submitting your video for communication skills criteria

Create a three-minute video presentation to explain and show why you will be a great teacher. You may show your proficiency in te reo Māori or a Pacific language. Show how you would portray yourself in the classroom.

Use any equipment to create your video.

Provide a link to your video. It must not need any logins, passwords or authentication to view (for example, an unlisted video on YouTube).

Requirements for your video:

- The content must be clear, concise, and not rely on slideshows.
- It must not be longer than three minutes. Any content over the time limit will not be viewed or assessed.
- The image and sound quality must be clear enough for viewers to understand your message.

Uploading your video to YouTube

1. Sign in to your YouTube account or follow the website's directions to create one.
2. Go to 'Your Channel' and select 'Upload Video' button.
3. Click 'Select Files' and choose your video.
4. Complete the video details, elements and checks.
5. On the Visibility tab, select 'Unlisted'.
6. Once uploaded, select 'Options' (three vertical dots) and click 'Get shareable link'.
7. Paste the link into your application in the space provided.

Your privacy and how we will use your video

We view your video online using a web browser. Your video will not be downloaded or stored on any Ministry of Education IT systems. If your application is not successful, your link will be removed from Ministry IT systems. Your video may not be viewed if your application is not shortlisted.

Language proficiency/Cultural competency and capability

For scholarships with a language requirement (Kupe, Te Waka Whakarei and Te Tipu Whakarito) you are scored on your overall proficiency and description of cultural competency and capability.

For all other scholarships you are scored on how you demonstrate your commitment to increasing your language proficiency, cultural competency and cultural capability. Describe your language proficiency, cultural competency and cultural capability.

You could:

- Share examples of your participation in or experiences with Māori or Pacific cultures.
- Describe any study or qualifications related to Māori or Pacific cultures.
- Share examples of your te reo Māori or Pacific language learning journey.
- Describe any study or qualifications in te reo Māori or a Pacific language.

Referee

Provide a referee and include their name, contact details and relationship to you. A referee could be a coach or supervisor. They cannot be whānau or a friend. The selection panel may contact your referee to confirm information in your scholarship application.

Review and submit

Read and agree with the statement declaring that the information in your application is true and correct. Click 'Submit' to complete your application. We will send a confirmation email when we receive your application.

Late applications

We will consider late applications where:

- you had technical issues that could not be resolved before the closing date
- you had issues certifying documents due to a lack of authorised certifiers available or in your area during the application period.

We will only consider late applications up to 7 September 2026.

Contact us

If you have any questions, we're here to help.

Email: teachnz.admin@education.govt.nz