



The Landcorp Farming Limited Rangatahi Ahuwhenua Scholarships in partnership with First Foundation and Te Rarawa

E te iwi whānui, tēnā koutou katoa. Tēnei te reo o Te Rarawa e tangi atu nei, e mihi atu nei ki a koutou. He kaupapa Ahu Whenua nā te iwi nei e manaaki, e whakarangatira mo te Kaporeihana Whenua (LandCorp). He karahipi i te mātauranga tiaki whenua, tiaki awa, aa, tiaki kararehe hoki tōna kaupapa, He aratika tenei mo ō tātou whānau, ō tātou hapū, tō tātou iwi, tōna koha ki nga taitamariki tau 12 me ratou ko te hunga rapu huarahi whai mahi. Ko te taumata kōrero, ko te tangata e hiahia ana te mahi i runga whenua, maau tenei kaupapa akoranga. Kāti i konei. Kia tau ngā manaakitanga o te iwi ki runga i a tātou katoa.

Greetings to you all from Te Rarawa.

In partnership with Landcorp, a scholarship opportunity is being offered to Te Rarawa members with a career interest in the agricultural sector. This pathway is created for the whanau, hapu and iwi, in particular those in their last year of kura and those seeking a change in career pathways.

That said, may the best intentions of Te Rarawa be expressed to all.

Purpose

As we face our future head-on, we recognise we will need better and perhaps different capabilities, not only for Landcorp, but for the agriculture industry as a whole. Iwi are an increasingly significant force for change in agriculture, and like Landcorp, Iwi-based farming corporations like Te Rarawa need access to a sustainable pipeline of talented young people who see farming as a real career choice that offers opportunity for development, enrichment, and kaitiakitanga.

We want farming to become known not only as a place of technical expertise and innovation, but also an endeavour that operates with utmost respect for tikanga Maori. We place as much importance on the way we achieve our business results as the results themselves. We will strive for the highest levels of performance, and invest in the development of talented and motivated people. Together with our iwi partners, we will work to make agriculture the career of choice for motivated Maori who want to develop a deep relationship with their land, while playing a part in a real New Zealand success story.

The Opportunity

Landcorp Rangatahi Ahuwhenua Scholarships in association with Te Rarawa will be offered in partnership with First Foundation and will provide the recipients with:

- ✓ Financial support towards the cost of enrolment at an approved tertiary education institution, study materials and living costs, to a maximum of NZD\$4,000 per annum for 3 years.
- ✓ Paid work experience ideally relevant to the scholarship recipient's chosen course of agriculture-related study.
- ✓ A mentor for the duration of their scholarship. Mentors will be sourced from where the student's University/Tertiary institution is located.
- ✓ Support from First Foundation, which will include scholarship management, development workshops and networking opportunities.
- ✓ There may also be an opportunity to utilise aspects of Landcorp's business as a case study for relevant projects if they arise during the course of study.

Application Process

Applicants wishing to be considered for the Scholarships must apply on the official application form, which is based on First Foundation's standard application form.

Together with a completed application form, applicants must submit:

- A brief curriculum vitae which outlines their whakapapa as well as their education, skills and experience to date. The curriculum vitae must include a personal statement outlining the applicant's tikanga and aspiration to make a career in the agricultural sector.
- Applicants must also provide a referee's testimonial in support of their achievements and future potential.
- A short essay of no more than 500 words is also required to expand on the applicant's aspiration, and to demonstrate why the applicant is suitable for consideration to receive a Landcorp Rangatahi Ahuwhenua Scholarship.

Eligibility

All applicants must be descendants of Te Rarawa with whom Landcorp has an ongoing business partnership, have a primary affiliation to Te Rarawa and be registered with Te Rarawa and be eligible to work in New Zealand.

Selection

In selecting the successful applicants for the Landcorp Rangatahi Ahuwhenua Scholarships, the Selection Panel will give preference to those who:

- Are current secondary school students in year 12 or 13; and have or are likely to perform well in the NCEA Level 2 and 3 or equivalent; or
- Have partially completed tertiary qualifications that in general have met a high standard; or
- Provide compelling evidence that they are committed to and capable of successfully completing a course of study at a recognised tertiary institution, even if no formal secondary school qualifications have been obtained.

Other criteria which will be considered include the applicant's assessed potential to progress to more senior roles, and the applicant's active involvement in their Iwi or Hapu, team collaboration, sporting and/ or community activities.

Applicants for the Landcorp Rangatahi Ahuwhenua Scholarships may be short-listed and will be required to attend interviews. The selection panel will include representatives of Landcorp and other relevant stakeholders.

Key dates

For the Landcorp Rangatahi Ahuwhenua Scholarships for tertiary study commencing 2016:

Applications close	30 th September 2015
Selection process	From 1 st -October 2015
Interviews	From late October 2015 –dates tbc
Decisions communicated	November 2015

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