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## Tahora-Ravensdown Scholarship Application Form

Name: ..... Date of Birth: .....

Address:

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Phone: ..... Mobile: .....

Email Address: .....

Tahora Shareholder Number: .....

Tahora Shareholder Name: .....

University: .....

Proposed Degree: .....

**Please complete this application form and attach:**

**1. An essay (minimum 1,000 words)**

Essay topic: "Agriculture, Horticulture and Water in NZ" Why tertiary study will assist both me and the industry.

**2. Personal Profile:**

Please submit a handwritten profile (half page minimum), introducing yourself, your connection to Tahora, your education details, personal interests etc

**3. Academic Record**

A copy of your NCEA Record of Learning for Levels 1,2,3 (where appropriate) and university results (if applicable)

**4. References:**

Please include 2 references (ideally from your iwi, school or work)

**Send your application to:**

Tahora -Ravensdown Scholarship  
c/- HR department  
Ravensdown Limited  
PO Box 1049,  
Christchurch 8140

***Applications close on 31 March***

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## Information Sheet

**In 2011 Tahora and Ravensdown established the Tahora -Ravensdown university scholarship. The university scholarship, for AWHI shareholders and their descendants, is for undergraduate study in an agricultural or horticultural degree.**

- Only one scholarship will be available at any one time (e.g. if it is a 3 year scholarship, only that scholarship will be financed until the 3 year term is completed, then the scholarship will again be available for applications).
- The scholarship recipient will receive a cash grant of \$5,000 per year for the duration of their undergraduate study (see the conditions below)
- In addition, recipients will be offered the opportunity for paid holiday work at Ravensdown.

### Scholarship Criteria

Applications for the scholarship will be invited from students who are:

- A son or daughter of Tahora shareholders – limited to only one application per Whanau trust.
- Intending to undertake an agricultural, horticultural or environmental (water) studies undergraduate degree full time at Lincoln or Massey Universities
- The scholarship is paid for the duration of an undergraduate course up to a maximum of four years. Payment of the scholarship for years subsequent to the first will be subject to satisfactory academic performance in the preceding year.
- It is expected that the recipient will not accept other scholarships in addition to the Tahora/Ravensdown university scholarship. This is to encourage as many young people as possible in to university study.
- The scholarship is for agricultural, horticultural or environmental (water) – based degrees.
- Available to school leavers only – i.e. those completing year 13 and commencing university studies in the following year.
- The recipient of the scholarship is required to meet with Tahora and Ravensdown management to discuss progress each year.

### Selection Committee:

The four person selection committee comprises:

- 2 members of Tahora Board of directors Trust
- 1 member of Ravensdown – Local Regional Manager
- 1 representative from Ravensdown Human Resources dependent on availability

### Applying for the scholarship

To apply for the scholarship students should:

- Forward an application, including 2 references (preferably from your iwi or work related e.g. holiday employment), to the selection committee before the closing date on 31 March.
- Submit a 1,000 word essay on the topic: “Agriculture, Horticulture and Water in NZ” Why tertiary study will assist both me and the industry”.
- In addition to the essay, students should submit a handwritten half page profile introducing themselves including education, personal interests etc. Applicants may also be asked to attend an interview either in person or by video conference.
- The selection committee will take a range of criteria into account including the applicants’ involvement in iwi affairs, academic records, references and commitments to agriculture/horticulture. If there are a large number of applicants, the selection committee will shortlist to a maximum of six by reviewing academic performance and the essays.

### Scholarship Process

**Applications close on 31 March each year**