**Tahora-Ravensdown Scholarship Application Form**

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Tahora Shareholder Name: …………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..

University: ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….……………..

Proposed Degree: …………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..

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| **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*** |

**Information Sheet**

**In 2011 Tahora and Ravensdown established the Tahora -Ravensdown university scholarship. The university scholarship, for Tahora 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 willbe 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 the appropriate 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**