

NGATI TE WHITI WHENUA TOPU TRUST

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EDUCATION GRANTS POLICY

1. Ngati Te Whiti Whenua Topu Trust (NTWWTT) is committed to the future economic progress and social development of Ngati Te Whiti. One of the ways to achieve this is through education.
2. Ngati Te Whiti Whenua Topu Trust offers grants to assist registered members who wish to pursue education. This is assistance only.
3. The grants will be funded from the funds set aside by the NTWWTT.
4. The grants will be allocated by the Trustees at their monthly Trustees' meeting.
5. The Trustees will decide:
 - The amount to be allocated each year;
 - The closing dates for applications usually the 31 March in any financial year;
 - The amount of each individual grant up to a maximum of \$500, GST inclu.
6. The allocation of a grant will be based on the following criteria:
 - Academic merit
 - Sporting merit
 - Art, craft and or musical talent / ability
 - Ability to complete a course study
 - School fees, subject to the Trustees discretion
7. Grants will not be allocated for the following:
 - Retrospective study costs
 - School uniforms
8. Applicants may only receive one grant per year; however, this can be changed at the discretion of the Trustees.
9. Applicants must be registered members of NTWWTT.
10. Applicants must supply the information requested inclusive of evidence of costs that have been paid and, if the costs have not been paid, who the \$500 is to be paid to.
11. Applicants will be advised in writing or email of the outcome within 2 weeks of the grant being approved by the Trustees.
12. Applications must be on the appropriate form and endorsed by:
 - The school, an education, including arts or crafts, organisation, sporting body, and
 - A parent or guardian or Kaumātua.
13. Where an application is declined, applicants may seek a review of the decision by writing to the Trustees within 14 days, stating the reason why the applicant should have a grant.
14. Accountability will be by way of an accountability form\report which must be returned to the Trust. Non receipt of this form may impact on future applications.
15. Applicants may be asked to provide a report on the activities undertaken with their grant to be presented at the next AGM of the Trust.