

Puhoro STEMM – TUP

Pathway

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Tertiary Application

Apply for University or Polytech



Scholarship Application

Apply for a scholarship or spend time creating a personal statement

Financial Assistance

1. Create a Real Me account
2. Begin your StudyLink application



Pathway Planning

Better understand the pathway you want to pursue after High School - complete activity sheet



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- Parents annual income (pay slip or contract)
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- Proof of enrolment
- Verified ID (birth cert or passport)

<https://justiceofthepeace.org.nz/Page/Search>

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Required Contact Info

 Phone number

 Email

Ensure you have a personal email, avoid using your kura email

What to bring

- Birth certificate (sometimes needs to be signed by JP)
- NSN number (most cases)
- Photo (sometimes)

Course fees

- After submitting your application, you have a period of time to withdraw your application and you will not be charged for course fees
- There will be a section in your application (often after you select your papers) that asks for your preferred payment method. If you want to pay via StudyLink/student loan, select that option in the application

Tips

- Apply for as many Whare Wānanga as you like
- This opens your opportunities to apply for more scholarships
- Look in to accommodation options early (flats/halls)

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What is Real Me

- RealMe® is a government authentication and identity verification service.
- It is a secure way to prove who you are online.

Benefits of Real Me

- Apply for Study Link
- Renew passport
- Open a bank account
- Enrol to vote
- Replace a drivers license
- Tertiary applications (some)

Tips setting up your Real Me

- Apply early - don't wait until the end of the year as that will be peak season
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- Use a personal email address (avoid using your kura email)

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What is Study Link

- StudyLink is the government department which manages student loans and allowances for tertiary students in New Zealand.

Can help with

- Compulsory course fees
- Course-related costs (e.g. text books, laptop etc.)
- Day-to-day living costs
- Other costs (e.g. disability or childcare)

Types of payments

Student allowance

- Weekly payment for personal use
- You don't have to pay back
- How much you get will depend on your Parents income
- If their joint earnings are more than \$68,413.80 a year before tax, the rate you get for Student Allowance goes down
- You can't get a Student Allowance if their earnings while you study are more than \$124,474.45 if you live with them or \$133,756.29 if you don't live with them

Student loan (3 forms)

1. Yearly payment: for fees and goes directly to your Institution
2. Weekly payment (living costs): for personal use and comes in at the same time as your student allowance
3. One off payment per year (course related costs): for course material e.g. text books, laptop, stationery

Tips

- If you don't get your documents in on time, you can call Studylink to try fast track your allowance and/or living costs by informing them you are going in to hardship
- Make sure you have a good understanding around paper selections which is important for your proof of enrollment
- Take ALL of the necessary steps when collecting your documents, e.g. verifying your documents properly
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What is a Scholarship

- A grant or payment made to support a student's education.

Who are Scholarships for?

- Pretty much anyone
- Tauira Maori
- High achievers
- Tauira in financial or other hardship
- Tauira in specific subjects

What can scholarships help with?

- Course fees and course material
- Accommodation (halls/dorms)
- Moving costs (moving out of home into your own place)
- Bills (rent, power, internet, water)
- Transport (busses, uber, petrol)
- Emergency funds (you could put money away in case of emergencies)

Tips when developing your Personal Statement

1. Brainstorm the following topics

- your qualities and values
- extra curricular activities you're part of
- experiences in leadership roles/positions
- experiences with hardship and how you overcame it
- volunteer work
- involvement with Te Ao Maori

2. Tailoring your personal statement

- Often scholarships will have questions or guidelines that ask for you to mention specific things within your personal statement

3. Of the topics you brainstormed, choose the ones that fit the scholarship criteria and/or personal statement guidance

4. Develop sentences and keep building on your statement. This is the time to write freely. After that, you can start to refine, take out or replace sentences until you're happy

5. Have a friend or someone you trust to revise your personal statement and provide feedback

Pathway planning activity sheet

TE URUNGA PAE CAREER BACKTRACK MAP

Your 5-Year Plan

1. Dream Career Destination

My dream job is:

2. Qualifications or Training Needed

- Bachelor's Degree
- Diploma/Certificate
- Apprenticeship/Trade Training
- Industry Registration or Licensing
- Other: _____

Qualification(s):

Where can you study/train?

How long will it take?

3. Entry Requirements

What are the entry recruitments for the study or training your going into next year?

- NCEA Level 2 or 3
- Specific Subjects
- UE, literacy and numeracy
- CV Cover/Cover Letter
- Interview or Prortfolio
- Other _____

4. Are you on the right track now?

Subject	Helps with career pathway? Yes/No	Comments

5. Your 5-Year Career Plan (2025-2029)

Year	What You'll Be Doing	Goals or Milestones
2025		
2026		
2027		
2028		
2029		

6. Plan B - Backup Options

Alternative career/pathway:

Why does this excite you?

7. Support Crew

Whānau: _____

School staff:

University/Training Staff:

Pūhoro/Mentors:

8. Financial Support

- Studylink
- Scholarships

Scholarships applied for:

Final Reflection

One action I will take this week to better prepare me for next year is...

Follow up support



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Manawatū
Wellington
Hawkes Bay

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Christchurch
Otago

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