

PUKEKOHE

Vegetable Growers

ASSOCIATION

2025 PVGA SCHOLARSHIP

Applications Close

15th November 2024

Interview Date

20th November 2024

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Pukekohe Vegetable Growers Association Scholarship 2025

About the Pukekohe Vegetable Growers Association

The Pukekohe Vegetable Growers Association is a charitable organisation operating in the Auckland and Waikato regions. The association has existed in various forms since the early 1900s, representing over 230 vegetable-growing businesses in Auckland. These range from small family businesses to large corporate operations, some of which have a presence throughout New Zealand. The growers produce a significant proportion of fresh vegetables for the Auckland region, as well as export crops such as onions, potatoes, buttercup squash, capsicums, tomatoes, and carrots.

In 2018, the Pukekohe Vegetable Growers Association celebrated its centenary with events including a gala dinner to honour growers' contributions over the past 100 years and to look towards the future. During this event, the association announced a fund to support young people entering the vegetable-growing industry, which now finances this scholarship.

Objectives

The Pukekohe Vegetable Growers Association Scholarships aim to assist individuals furthering their education in all aspects of horticulture, with a particular emphasis on vegetable growing.

Scholarship Value

The scholarship amount varies each year, depending on the funds available. The total annual fund is \$5,000, which may be awarded to one student or split between multiple recipients in 2025.

Payment

The scholarship is for the 2025 calendar year and will be paid upon successful completion of the year's study, with a pass mark required in all subjects. Applicants may re-apply for the scholarship in subsequent years.

Eligibility Criteria

- Applicants must be full- or part-time students enrolled in a horticultural degree, diploma, or certificate, or a similar program applicable to horticulture from a reputable provider.
- The course of study may include both theoretical and practical components.
- Applicants must be New Zealand citizens or permanent residents with their family home within the boundaries of the Pukekohe Vegetable Growers Association.
- There is no age limit; however, preference will be given to first-time students.

Selection Criteria

The selection panel will consider:

- Commitment and acumen.
- Potential contribution to horticulture, particularly in vegetable growing.
- Past achievements.
- Individual qualities and skills.
- Referees' comments.

The decision of the selection team is final, and no correspondence will be entered into.

Interview Process

Interviews will be held on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at the BNZ Partners Centre, Pukekohe. The panel will include up to four members.

Disclosure of Results

If you are awarded a scholarship, you agree to allow your academic results to be released to the Pukekohe Vegetable Growers Association so they can follow your progress.

Privacy Provisions (Privacy Act 1993)

The information requested in this application form will be used solely for assessing your application for the award. Personal information contained in this application will only be made available to members of the selection panel for this award. The panel will also use references obtained from third parties designated by you in assessing your application.

The panel undertakes to store your application securely if you are successful in gaining an award and to destroy your application to preserve its confidentiality if you are unsuccessful. Personal references from the persons you have named are obtained on the strict understanding that they are confidential, and you may not have access to those references without the written authorisation of the referee.

By making this application, you agree to the selection panel contacting your referees and your course supervisor for the purposes of assessing your application.

Application Deadline

Applications close on **Friday, 15th November 2024**. Late applications will not be accepted.

Submission Detail

Candidates must submit applications to the Scholarship Coordinator:

Email: secretary@pvga.org.nz

Referees

You are responsible for contacting your referees and ensuring they send their references directly to the scholarship coordinator. Referees must not send references to you to maintain confidentiality. References must be received by **Friday, 15th November 2024**.

Required Documents

Please include with your application:

- A copy of your birth certificate or passport (do not send the original).
- The completed application form.
- Relevant information outlining how you meet the selection criteria.

Contact Information

For questions regarding eligibility or the application process, please contact:

Grant Ryan, Scholarship Coordinator

Phone: 021 550 289

Email: secretary@pvga.org.nz

PUKEKOHE VEGETABLE GROWERS' ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Personal Details

Name:	
Organisation	
Region:	
Postal Address:	
Landline:	
Mobile:	
Email:	
Date of Birth:	
New Zealand Citizen or Resident?	

Manager's Details

Managers Name:	
Job Title	
Organisation	
Organisation's Postal Address:	
Manager's Landline:	
Manager's Mobile:	
Manager's Email:	

Training Provider Details

Supervisor or Training Advisor's Name:	
Institution Name:	
Supervisor's or TA's Postal Address:	
Supervisor's or TA's Landline:	
Supervisor's or TA's Mobile:	
Supervisor's or TA's Email:	

Employment History

Please give a brief employment history including current employment details. Provide the organisations' name and type, approximate dates employed, and a brief description of your role within the company.

Dates	Organisation Name & type	Job description
<i>e.g. Feb 18 to Mar 19</i>	<i>Smith Bros. Garden & Packhouse</i>	<i>Tray filler/Packer</i>

Course Information

Question One	In 2025, what year of study will you be in?
Answer	

Question Two	What is the name of the qualification you are enrolled in?
Answer	

Question Three	The number of credits for this qualification you have achieved to date. (As of December 2024) <i>(If you are uncertain, please check with your advisor or supervisor)</i>
Answer	

Question Four	The number of credits you plan to achieve in 2024. (By December 2024) <i>(If you are uncertain, please check with your advisor or supervisor)</i>
Answer	

Question Five - Previous Awards or Scholarships.

Please advise us of any previous awards or scholarships you have received.

Year of award	Award received	Amount	Award received from
<i>e.g. 2018</i>	<i>Scholarship</i>	<i>\$500</i>	<i>Horticulture New Zealand</i>

Please advise us of any other awards or scholarships you have applied for or will apply for in 2025.

Scholarship/Award Name	Institution Scholarship/Award is offered from

Question Six	Why have you decided on horticulture as a career? Please explain in no more than 300 words
Answer	

Question Seven	Which sector of the industry do you feel most aligned with? E.g. covered crops, leafy veg, etc. Please explain in no more than 300 words
Answer	

Question Eight	What do you feel you can contribute to the horticulture industry? Please explain in no more than 300 words
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Answer	
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Question Nine	If 2025 is your first year in training and you are straight out of school, please attach your NCEA / school record.
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Answer	
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References – to be received by Friday 15th November 2024

Please submit three confidential letters of reference with your application.
Complete the top section of the referee form and give it to each of your three nominated referees. Ask the referees to either:

- Return their references to you in a sealed envelope with their signature across the seal
- Email to secretary@pvga.org.nz

Please provide the name, address, phone number and email address for your three referees:

Referee 1:	
Referee 2:	
Referee 3:	

Declaration:

I declare that the information contained in and provided in connection with this application is true and correct.
I acknowledge that giving false or misleading information is a serious offense and will invalidate my application.

Signature:	Date:
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Please submit your application by Friday, 15th November 2024 to:

Email: secretary@pvga.org.nz

PUKEKOHE VEGETABLE GROWERS' ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS REFEREE'S REPORT

Applicant's Name:

Address:			
Referee's Name:			Phone:
Address			
Applicants Signature:			Date:

Please provide a confidential reference (academic and/or personal) on this form for the above-named, after consideration of the objective and criteria clauses as set out below. This reference will be used only by the selection panel in determining the applicant's eligibility for the award applied for.

Objectives:

The objectives of the Pukekohe Vegetable Growers Association Scholarships is to assist people furthering their education in all aspects of horticulture with a particular emphasis on vegetable growing

Criteria:

- Commitment and acumen.
- Potential contribution to horticulture with a particular emphasis on vegetable growing;
- Past achievements; and
- Individual approach, qualities, and skills.

When completed, send this form by Friday 15th November 2024 to:

Email (we need your signature) to: secretary@pvga.org.nz

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