

PUKEKOHE
Vegetable Growers
ASSOCIATION

2024 PVGA SCHOLARSHIP

Application Closes on 30th November 2023
Interview Date - 5th December 2023



Grant - 021- 550 - 289



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Pukekohe Vegetable Grower Association

Scholarship 2024

1. The Pukekohe Vegetable Growers Association

The Pukekohe Vegetable Growers Association is a charitable organization that operates in the Auckland and Waikato regions. The association has operated in various forms as a grower organization since the early 1900s. It represents more than 230 vegetable-growing businesses from the Auckland region. These vary from small family-run businesses to large corporate organizations - some of which have operations throughout New Zealand. These growers produce a large proportion of fresh vegetables for the Auckland region as well as export crops. The exports include onions, potatoes, buttercup squash, capsicums, tomatoes, and carrots.

In 2018 the Pukekohe Vegetable Growers Association celebrated its centenary with several events including a Gala Dinner. The gala dinner was a celebration about growers and their contributions to the industry over the past one hundred years. It was, additionally, an insight into the future of growing. To celebrate the event, the Pukekohe Vegetable Growers Association announced it has established a fund to help young people entering the vegetable growing industry. This fund is being used to finance the scholarship/s that are now being offered by way of this application form.

2. Objectives

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

3. Value

The amount of the scholarship will vary from year to year depending on the funds available to support it. There is a total fund of \$5,000.00 available as the annual allocated scholarship for payments to a student or split between multiple students in 2024.

4. Payment

This application form for the Pukekohe Vegetable Growers Association Scholarship applies to the calendar year 2024. The scholarship amount will be paid out on the successful completion of the year's study – this is a pass mark in all subjects undertaken. Applicants may re-apply for the scholarship in future years to assist with their studies.

5. Eligibility

1. Applicants must be either full or part-time students undertaking a horticultural degree, diploma, or certificate or a degree, diploma, or certificate applicable to horticulture taken with a reputable service provider.
2. The course of study can be a combination of theory and practical and to award this scholarship is not limited to pure theory courses.
3. Applicants must be New Zealand Citizens or Permanent Residents with their family home in the boundaries of the Pukekohe Vegetable Growers Association (as set out in paragraph one above).
4. There is no age limit, but preference will be given to first-time students.

6. Selection Criteria

The Selection Team will be looking for:

- Commitment and acumen.
- Potential contribution to horticulture with a particular emphasis on vegetable growing.
- Past achievements.

- Individual approach, qualities, and skills; and
- Referees' comments.

The decision of the Selection Team is final, and no correspondence or re-assessment will be entered.

7. Interview process

The interview date is Thursday 05th December 2023 and the interview will be held in Pukekohe at BNZ Partners Centre, Pukekohe. There will be an interview panel of up to four people.

8. Disclosure of Results

If you are successful in receiving a Pukekohe Vegetable Growers Association Scholarships by completing this application form, you agree to your academic results being released to the Pukekohe Vegetable Growers Association are very keen to follow your progress.

9. Privacy provisions (Privacy Act 1993):

The information requested in this application form will be used solely to assess your application for the award for which you are applying. Personal information contained in this application will only be made available to members of the selection panel for this award. The panel will use references obtained from third parties designated by yourself in assessing your application. The panel undertakes to store your application in a secure place if you are successful in gaining an award and to destroy your application to preserve its confidentiality if you are unsuccessful in gaining an award.

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 authorization of the referee.

By making this application you agree to the Selection Panel contacting your referees and your course supervisor to assess your application.

10. Applications close on Thursday 30th November 2023.

Late applications will not be accepted.

11. Candidates to submit applications directly to the Scholarship Coordinator:

secretary@pvga.org.nz

Emailing your application is acceptable if it is scanned and signed by the applicant

12. Referees

It is your responsibility to contact your referees and ask them to send their references to the above address or it may be emailed if it is scanned and signed by the referee. Referees should not be asked to send their references to you, as they must have the opportunity to be completely frank. Non-receipt of referee's reports or incomplete applications may prejudice your eligibility. Referee reports are being received by **Thursday 30th November 2023**.

13. Please include with your application form:

- A **copy** of your birth certificate/passport. **Do not send the original**
- The completed application form.
- Relevant information that will clearly outline your situation stating which criteria fits you and why

14. If you have any queries regarding your eligibility or how to apply, please contact:

The Scholarship Coordinator

Grant Ryan on 021 550 289 or email secretary@pvga.org.nz

Application form on the next page

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	
Organization	
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 organizations' name and type, approximate dates employed, and a brief description of your role within the company.

Dates	Organization 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 2024, 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 2023) <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 2023. (By December 2023) <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 2024.

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

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.
Answer	

References – to be received by Thursday 30th November 2023	
<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Return their references to you in a sealed envelope with their signature across the seal • Email to secretary@pvga.org.nz <p>Please provide the name, address, phone number and email address for your three referees:</p>	
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:

Please submit your application by Thursday 30th November 2023to:

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 Thursday 30th November 2023 to:

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

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