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The Zespri School Fund (the “Fund”) has been created with the purpose of giving back to our valued schools, Te Kura and early childhood education providers. Zespri’s purpose is to help people, communities and the environment thrive through the goodness of kiwifruit and the Fund is one way in which we live our purpose.

We receive a large number of school-related sponsorship requests every year and it is a key element of our community support. Whether it be a fundraising goal, sports team or school community initiative - all applications are welcome!

Applications open on Wednesday 8 February and close at **5:00 pm on Sunday 5 March**. For more information please email sponsorships@zespri.com

*Note: All early childhood education (ECE) centres, kindergartens, Te Kura, primary schools, intermediates, high schools and colleges are eligible to apply for the Fund.*

**Application Form**

**1. Applicant details**

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| Name |  |  |
|  | *First name* | *Last name* |
| School/Te Kura /ECE name |  |
| School/Te Kura/ECE address |  |
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| Mobile: |  |
| School phone: |  |
| Email: |  |

**2. Initiative / cause / fundraiserdetails**

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| Brief summary (what will the money go towards?) |  |
| Ideal amount |  |
| How else are you fundraising for this initiative? |  |
| Is there opportunity for Zespri’s investment to be recognised? |  |

**3. Supporting Information**

**Zespri Community Investment Pillars**

Our community investment focuses on three pillars:

* A happy and healthy community
* A skilled and connected industry
* An enhanced environment

These pillars guide our investment decisions, ensuring they align with Zespri’s values. They focus our interactions with our community and ensure genuine connection with our partners.

Please describe if and how your initiative aligns with one or more of the Zespri community investment pillars. *(~150 words)*

Why should your initiative be selected for the Zespri School Fund grant? *(~250 words)*

Do you have any further comments / additional information? *(~150 words)*

**4. Important Information**

*Please read the following carefully.*

The Zespri School Fund is capped at a total of $15,000 per year. The amount and value of each award within the Fund will be determined by Zespri based on the quantity and content of the applications.

Applications will be assessed against a set of criteria including:

* Alignment with Zespri community investment pillars
* Diversity of applications (wide range of applications to be supported)
* Quality of application
* Impact of award

By signing this application form successful applicants give permission for Zespri International Ltd (Zespri) to publish information about their school/Te Kura/ECE on Zespri.com and other relevant Zespri channels in relation to the Zespri School Fund.

**5. Submitting**

Closing date for applications is **Wednesday 1 March 2023** **at 5:00 pm**.

Signature: Date:

Email this signed and completed application form to: sponsorships@zespri.com

**6. The Selection Process**

Applications are reviewed by Zespri’s External Relations team.

Both successful and unsuccessful applicants will be notified by email. All applicants will know the outcome of their applications by no later than Thursday 9 March 2023.

We would appreciate if you could let us know how you found out about the Zespri School Fund (circle all that apply to you):

Social media | Zespri staff member | School | Kiwiflier | Website (specify: ) | Other (specify: ).