



2026 ZESPRI HORTICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIP – APPLICANT GUIDELINES

This guide outlines the information you'll need to prepare before completing the online application form for the Zespri Horticultural Scholarship. The scholarship offers up to \$10,000 over two years to support students pursuing a career in the horticulture industry.

Eligibility Checklist

- Have passed NCEA Level 3 with merit or excellence.
- Pass (or be on track to pass) your first year of tertiary studies with a B+ average or higher.
- Be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident.
- Give examples of how your study will benefit the horticulture industry.
- Provide examples of your leadership skills, community service and/or sporting or cultural activities.

Information you'll need to complete the application form:

1. Personal Details

Full name
Address
Mobile number
Email

2. Academic Background

Last secondary school attended
Current course and tertiary provider
NCEA Level 1-3 results
Tertiary grades (first, second, and third year if applicable)

3. Achievements

Examples of your leadership roles (with years and descriptions)
Involvement in sports and cultural activities
Other qualifications or awards

4. Written Responses

Why you're applying for the scholarship (max 500 words)
How your study supports the NZ horticulture industry (max 500 words)

5. Influences

Who inspired your interest to pursue a career in horticulture and how did you hear about the scholarship

Key Dates

Applications open: Monday 31 August 2026
Applications close: Wednesday 30 September 2026 at 11:59pm
Outcome notification: By Friday 30 October 2026

Contact Information: If you have any questions, contact: scholarships@zespri.com