

2027 Zespri Grower Governance Scholarship

Application form

About the scholarship

Growers govern this industry, but there isn't an easy first step for a grower who is curious about governance and hasn't had any training. This scholarship is that first step.

Governance Essentials is the IoD's entry-level course, designed for new and aspiring directors, so no governance experience is needed.

We suggest attending before ZGDP applications close in mid-June 2027, as the course may help you decide whether to apply. There is no obligation to apply, and the scholarship does not give preferential entry to the ZGDP.

Four scholarships are available. Recipients receive:

- A fully funded place on the IoD's one-day Governance Essentials course, 8.30am to 5.00pm
- Your choice of 2027 course date and location from the IoD calendar
- Governance, legal and regulatory essentials; the role of the board; board meetings and papers; and board and management relationships

Travel to the course is not covered.

Who can apply

- **Active kiwifruit grower:** You own or operate a kiwifruit orchard.
- **New to governance:** You haven't completed formal governance training, such as the IoD Company Directors' Course or Governance Essentials.
- **Available in 2027:** You can attend a one-day course during 2027.

Selection criteria

- **Motivation:** Why you are interested in governance, and why now.
- **Leadership:** Times you have stepped up to lead or influence something, on your orchard, in your grower community or elsewhere.
- **Spread:** The panel aims for a good mix of growers across growing regions.

Applications close: 5pm Monday 18 January 2027 Notified by: 28 January 2027

Please forward your completed application form to:
Laura Gaveika, Programme Manager; Governance Development
Email: laura.gaveika@zespri.com

Section 1 – PERSONAL INFORMATION

Contact Details

(*INDICATES MANDATORY FIELDS)

First name/s*		Surname*	
Title		Iwi	
Mobile*		Gender	
Email*			
Address*			

Your orchard

WHERE YOU GROW AND WHO YOU SUPPLY

Orchard name	
KPIN	
Growing region	
Your role (owner, operator or both) and how long you have been growing	
Supply entity (packhouse) you supply	

Eligibility

Please tick each statement to confirm it applies to you.

☐ I am an active kiwifruit grower (orchard owner or operator).

☐ I have not completed formal governance training, such as the IoD Company Directors' Course or IoD Governance Essentials.

☐ If selected, I am able to attend a one-day IoD Governance Essentials course during 2027.

Section 2 – ABOUT YOU

Why are you interested in governance, and why now?
Up to 200 words

Tell us about a time you stepped up to lead or influence something, on your orchard, in your grower community or elsewhere.
Up to 200 words

What do you hope to take from the Governance Essentials course?
Up to 200 words

How did you hear about the Grower Governance Scholarship? E.g. Zespri communications, your supply entity, NZKGI, LinkedIn, someone you know.

Privacy Statement

Your personal information is supplied for the purposes of applying for the Grower Governance Scholarship. Zespri will use it to assess and administer the scholarship, and may contact you after the course about your experience and any later involvement in governance, reported to the Governance Development Group in summary form only. Your prior permission will be sought before disclosing it to others not involved with selection and administration of the scholarship.

Application Checklist

Before submitting your application check you have included the following;

☐ Completed application form, converted to a PDF

☐ All eligibility statements ticked

☐ All three questions in Section 2 answered

DECLARATION

☐ I declare that the information I have provided in my application is a true and accurate record.

☐ I agree to Zespri contacting me after the course about my experience.

☐ I agree to the privacy statement

Signature: _____ *(Scanned signature acceptable)*

Date: __/__/____

Submitting your application

Please forward your completed application form to:

Email: laura.gaveika@zespri.com

Before 5.00pm Monday 18 January 2027

All applicants will be notified of the outcome by Thursday 28 January 2027.

Questions? Contact Laura until 10 December, or from 11 January.