

AHUWHENUA YOUNG MĀORI FARMER AWARD 2027 DAIRY



ENTRY FORM

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Te Puni Kōkiri
MINISTRY OF MĀORI DEVELOPMENT

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Step up and become a future leader.

We're looking for passionate young Māori who are committed to succeeding in their farming careers.

By entering the Young Māori Farmer Award, you will gain the experience and networks to:

- Improve your production skills
- Raise your industry profile
- Grow your job prospects
- Learn from leaders in Māori farming and horticulture
- Develop your own leadership skills
- Inspire others into farming careers.

THERE IS A CASH PRIZE POOL UP FOR GRABS AS WELL AS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIPS!

Finalists will also attend a study tour as well as the Ahuwhenua Trophy awards dinner with travel, dinner and accommodation costs covered!

The winner will be announced at the Ahuwhenua Trophy awards dinner on Friday 28 May 2027 in Rotorua.

This whakatauki was first written by Sir Apirana Ngata (Ngāti Porou) in a young woman's autograph book in 1949. Her name was Rangī Bennett and he wrote it to encourage her in her education and to achieve the highest ideals of life. Ngata believed Māori advancement would benefit by reapplying learnings from Te Ao Pākehā (the Pākehā world) to Te Ao Māori (the Māori world), ideally resulting in a positive effect on both cultures.

E Tipu E Rea

"E tipu e rea mō ngā ra ō tōu ao

Ko tō ringa, ki ngā rākau ā te Pākehā, hei ara mō tō tinana

Ko tō ngākau, ki ngā taonga ā ō tīpuna Māori, hei tikitiki mo tō māhuna

Ko tō wairua ki te Atua, nāna nei ngā mea katoa."

"Grow up and thrive for the days destined to you

Your hands given to the tools of the pakeha as a means to sustain and support you

Your heart to the treasures of your ancestors as a plume for your head

Your spirit given to God the maker of all things."



YOUR ENTRY MUST
BE SUBMITTED BY
FRIDAY 29TH
JANUARY 2027

For any queries or further information please
phone Cedric Nepia, 027 554 0061

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WHAT IS REQUIRED TO ENTER THE COMPETITION

- ☐ The completed entry form set out below which is also available in electronic format [\[here\]](#)
- ☐ Read the Entry Criteria plus Terms and Conditions online [\[here\]](#)
- ☐ Read the Judging Process online [\[here\]](#)
- ☐ Whakapapa/tribal affiliations provided as appropriate.
- ☐ One written reference from a member of your local community.
- ☐ Photograph – head and shoulders shot OR a photo of you at work. Photo must be at least 1MB and needs to be emailed.

- All sections must be filled out and completed. Please use additional paper if you need more room to write.
- If you are a tutor, training advisor or employer who is putting forward an entrant please ensure you have their permission.

ENTRANT DETAILS

FULL NAME	
ADDRESS	
PHONE	MOBILE
E-MAIL	
DATE OF BIRTH	
WHAKAPAPA/TRIBAL AFFILIATIONS (AS APPROPRIATE)	
NSN NO. (IF KNOWN)	
TRAINING INSTITUTION (IF APPLICABLE)	
BUSINESS NAME	
ROLE	TIME AT BUSINESS

EMPLOYER DETAILS

Please put the details of the person who is directly responsible for working with/supervising you where you work.

FULL NAME	
BUSINESS NAME	
ADDRESS	
PHONE	MOBILE
E-MAIL	



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1. What are the outstanding attributes and skills that have contributed to your success?

Think about what sets you apart from other employees/trainees - you might like to write about motivation, initiative, attitude, practical skills and farming knowledge and future career goals.

2. What tasks or responsibilities have you taken up within the business, which are over and above your normal duties?

3. Tell us about your contribution to and participation with your community/ngā tikanga Māori and how you show your commitment to Māoritanga.

You may like to think about what support you provide to local hapū, marae and the wider local community.

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EMPLOYER/TRAINER REFERENCE

This should be completed by your employer or trainer.

NOTE: this reference can be provided in a separate letter if applicable. The following questions are a guideline to help frame their reference.

4. What makes this entrant stand out and why do they deserve this recognition?

Think about what skills this entrant has mastered, their enthusiasm and dedication to your business or their study.

What has impressed you about them and sets them apart from their peers and why are they an asset to your organisation?

COMMUNITY/KAUMATUA REFERENCE

This should be completed by someone in your community or your kaumatua.

NOTE: this reference can be provided in a separate letter if applicable. The following questions are a guideline to help frame their reference.

5. From your perspective as someone who has observed their journey, why do you believe they deserve this recognition?

What strengths, skills, or qualities have they developed that stand out to you? How have they shown dedication and commitment in their work or studies, and what is it about their character or actions that sets them apart and makes them a valued member of your organisation or community?

AUTHORISATION

6. ☐ I authorise the Ahuwhenua Young Māori Farmer Award or any third party to access my record of learning (if applicable) as a necessary part of the 2027 judging cycle. After the competition is complete, any copies of this information will be destroyed and not be utilised for any purpose other than for the aforementioned competition.

ENTRANT

SIGNED

DATE

EMPLOYER/TRAINER

SIGNED

DATE

SEND YOUR ENTRY FORM AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO

POST: Ahuwhenua Trophy
Office 6.3, Level 6,
Berl House,
108 The Terrace
Wellington 6011

OR EMAIL: info@ahuwhenuatrophy.maori.nz

Please include the following description in the subject line of the email:
Ahuwhenua Young Māori Farmer Award - Your name

FURTHER INFORMATION

For any queries or further information please phone Cedric Nepia, 027 554 0061

Closing Date: 5pm Friday 29th January 2027