

AHUWHENUA YOUNG MĀORI GROWER AWARD 2026



ENTRY FORM

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»» KAITAUTOKO TUATAHI



»» KAITAUTOKO TAKETAKE



Step up and become a future leader.

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

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

- Improve your production skills
- Learn from leaders in Māori farming and horticulture
- Raise your industry profile
- Develop your own leadership skills
- Grow your job prospects
- Inspire others into horticultural 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 5 June 2026 in Whangarei.

This whakataukī 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 30 JANUARY
2026

For any queries or further information please
phone Peter MacGregor, 027 446 9714

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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 at:
www.ahuwhenuatrophy.maori.nz/ymfg/enter
- ☐ Read the Entry Criteria plus Terms and Conditions online at:
www.ahuwhenuatrophy.maori.nz/ymfg/enter/young-maori-grower-award-hort/young-conditions-hort
- ☐ Read the Judging Process online at:
www.ahuwhenuatrophy.maori.nz/ymfg/enter/young-maori-grower-award-hort/young-judging-hort
- ☐ 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 adviser or employer who is putting forward an entrant then 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 e.g. PRIMARY ITO)	
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 horticultural 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/ngātikanga 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 REFERENCE

This should be completed by your employer/trainer. NOTE: this reference can be provided in a separate letter if applicable.

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?

AUTHORISATION

5. ☐ I authorise the Ahuwhenua Young Māori Grower Award or any third party to access my record of learning (if applicable) as a necessary part of the 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

EMAIL YOUR ENTRY FORM AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO:

info@ahuwhenuatrophy.maori.nz

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

OR BY POST TO:

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

FURTHER INFORMATION

For any queries or further information please phone Peter MacGregor, 027 446 9714

Closing Date: Friday 30 January 2026