# GHA Scholarship Information

## Background

GHA is committed to working with Māori organisations and Māori businesses. We are a kaupapa Māori firm who want to proactively support outstanding Māori students to enter the accounting profession or become business professionals. To assist the next generation of accounting and business professionals, we have developed the GHA scholarship to allow young Māori to grow and prosper both academically and professionally, in turn benefiting the wider community and giving back to their whānau, hapū, iwi.

## Purpose of the Scholarship

To encourage Māori into business roles and simultaneously support greater Māori representation within the business community.

## Selection Criteria / Eligibility

We are looking for exceptional students who are committed to the Chartered Accountants Australia New Zealand (CAANZ) pathway or with intention to join the Māori business sector, with demonstrated academic excellence and an enthusiasm to work with Māori.

Selection will consider the following:

- Academic record
- Demonstrated commitment to tikanga Māori and te reo Māori
- Evidence of involvement in cultural and/or community activities
- Strength of application essay
- Referee feedback

## Programme of Study

Accounting and/or Business, Full-time

## Value

The total scholarship pool is $15,000. The actual amount allocated will be dependent on the number and calibre of applicants. The selection committee reserve the right to determine the actual number and value of the scholarship allocated.

## Payment

Scholarship recipients will receive payment in two instalments – the first being in line with semester one of the tertiary year and the second in line with semester two of the tertiary year.

## Closing Date

5pm | 11 December 2026

## Required documentation

Each applicant must provide the following documentation in support of their application.

1. Completed Scholarship Application form
2. Current curriculum vitae
3. Character reference
4. Academic reference or transcript
5. Application essay

The academic reference should outline:

- The ability of the applicant as a student
- The capability of the applicant as a future accounting or business leader

The character reference should outline:

- The contribution the applicant will or has made to their whānau, hapū, iwi
- The referee's level of support for the application

## Application Essay

Within 1500 words or less please outline:

- Your hapū and iwi affiliations (please note that preference will be given to descendants of clients of GHA)
- Rationale for your application
- Why you believe you would be an ideal scholarship recipient and how you fit within the scholarship intentions
- Your academic results to date
- Examples where you have demonstrated leadership and teamwork skills
- The extracurricular and community activities you are involved in and what they mean to you
- Your career aspirations
- Your future commitment to working with Māori

Our firm's values underpin everything we do and are our guiding principles. Please outline within your essay how you believe these values fit within your own career ambitions for your future leadership role:

- Kia TIKA te mahi
- Kia PONO te kōrero
- Te ringa MANAAKI
- Kia riro PŪKENGA
- He KAITIAKI tātau
- He ngākau MĀHAKI
- He WHĀNAU kotahi

## Conditions attached to acceptance of this award

As a successful recipient of this scholarship, you will be profiled on our website. Students will need to confirm enrolment prior to payments being made.

## Application Process

Please complete the application form and attach required supporting documentation and send to:

Email: info@gha.co.nz OR

Post: GHA Scholarship
GHA
PO Box 1712
Rotorua 3040