



A PATHWAY TO SUCCESS AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN US IN OUR JOURNEY
TO NURTURE LEARNING THROUGH PLAY FOR THE TAMARIKI OF AOTEAROA.

BestStart is Aotearoa's largest early childhood education and care provider, with over 260 centres located nationwide. It is owned by a charitable trust where children are at the heart of everything we do. Having a passion for children and an understanding of their families and wider communities underlie every aspect of our organisation.

We want to support the next generation of teachers in their learning journey. We see this as an important social responsibility and BestStart is committing to playing its part.

Te ara kōtiri programme is a scholarship valued at \$5,000 offered to a number of students towards fees in their 3rd year of training for their ECE degree in 2018.

In return, successful recipients are asked to commence their teaching career in a BestStart centre for the 12-months after successfully completing their ECE degree and gaining teacher registration and certification.

Selection

Our priority will be student teachers who can demonstrate a commitment to culturally responsive practice, who understand and acknowledge a deep passion for working effectively with priority learners. We are also looking for future teachers who have a strength and passion to work collaboratively with families and whānau. Lastly we are looking for collaborators, people who recognise their own growth as a teacher comes from the strengths and diversity of working with others, a natural team player.

Eligibility

Applicants must be residents or citizens of Aotearoa. They must be entering their 3rd year of training, with confirmation they have successfully met all course requirements before the conclusion of the third year course of study in 2018. Scholarships are open to students from all recognised tertiary providers of Level 7 ECE qualifications in New Zealand. Both Current BestStart employees (casual or permanent) and student not currently working with BestStart are eligible to apply

Value

Each Te ara kōtiri scholarship is for \$5,000 for fees and other direct course costs.

Conditions

Successful applicants will be required to accept in writing the conditions associated with accepting Te ara kōtiri scholarship, including:

1. The Recipient must complete her/his course without interruption. Failure to pass the year or any decision to defer completion of the course of study at the conclusion of Mid Year intake studies in 2018, shall mean the scholarship is forfeited and the \$5,000 is to be refunded upon demand.
2. Take up a teaching position with BestStart, within four weeks of confirmation of successfully completing all course requirements and gaining teacher registration and certification, being bonded for a period of 12-months.
3. That if the Recipient fails to remain employed with BestStart for the required 12-month period, then the scholarship is forfeited and the \$5,000 is to be refunded upon demand.
4. The Recipient must make full and continuing disclosure to BestStart of all other sponsors or sources of financial assistance that relates to his/her studies.
5. The course of study may not be changed after the scholarship is awarded.
6. The Recipient agrees to make available to BestStart the results of all tests, assessments and examinations that count for 2016/2017 year end results if requested. This may be used as a final selection criteria if required.
7. The Recipient agrees to participate in reasonable publicity if requested

Application Procedure

Applications must be completed by the Applicant on the attached form.

Email to tearakotiri@best-start.org or phone Amy Wilkins on 027 591 7617 for more information.

The Applicant may be invited to attend an interview with the selection panel, who will then make the decision on which Applicants are successful.

Closing date for applications	18 November 2017
Scholarships announced by	December 2017


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STARS
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APPLICATION FORM

Full Name

First Name(s)

Last Name

Address

Suburb

City

Post Code

Contact Details

Phone

Mobile

Email

Birth Date

Education details

I was at the following secondary schools for the periods named

school

Date from

Date to

school

Date from

Date to

school

Date from

Date to

Applicant Vocation Information

1. Which tertiary organisation do you current attend?

2. What qualification are you studying towards?

3. What year are you currently in?

4. Why have you chosen this qualification?

5. Have you applied for or received any other scholarship funding for your tertiary studies? Yes No

If yes, what have you applied for

6. In your own words describe two qualities you believe you possess which are special and how they will assist in your teaching vocation?

7. What makes you an outstanding candidate for this scholarship?

8. What other interests do you have and what extracurricular activities do you do?

9. What are some of your most important achievements?

Applicant Declaration

All information given in support of this application is true and correct.

I understand that in applying for Te ara kōtiri scholarship, that if I am successful I agree to the conditions laid out as attached.

I agree and have read the Conditions

Signature

Date

This application must be submitted by 5pm on Friday 18 November 2017.

Email to tearakotiri@best-start.org

Accompanying this Application are:

A certificated copy of my academic record

A character reference