



Nominee information

Details of the young person being nominated

Preferred name: <i>This is the name that will appear on correspondence and collateral</i>		Date of birth:	
Legal first name(s): <i>Names that appear on legal documents and OT records</i>		Legal surname:	
Pronouns: <i>What words does the young person like to use when not using their name, such as he/him, she/her, they/them, ia/tāne/wāhine</i>		Gender:	
Ethnicity:		Iwi:	
Legal status under the Oranga Tamariki Act 1989:			
Caregiver's name:			

Nominator information

Details of the person making the nomination

First name:		Surname:	
Organisation or site:			
Organisation/site address:			
Relationship to young person:			
Contact number:		Contact email address:	

Which category are you nominating the young person for?

Select only one category

Prime Minister's Oranga Tamariki Awards Categories

- Te Ihumanea – Academic Go Getter:** supports a young person to pursue further study after completing high school
- Te Rakahinonga Auaha – Creative Entrepreneur:** supports a young person to pursue a career in a creative field, which could include help buying equipment or tools
- Te Mahi ā-Rehe – Skills and Technology Achiever:** supports a young person to pursue a career in a trade or technology industry, which could include buying equipment or tools
- Te Iho Pūmanawa – Whakamana Tangata: Inspired and Empowered Rangatahi:** supports a young person to pursue their own personal and professional development, or to further contribute to their community



About the young person

How has the young person been involved in making this nomination? (150 words)

We ask that you involve the young person in this nomination. Examples of contributions you may like to mention include gathering references, photos, making a video, finding copies of certificates, etc.

What would the young person like us to know about their care journey so far? (150 words)

Please do not include personal information of anyone other than the nominee.

Why should this young person receive a Prime Minister's Oranga Tamariki Award? (200 words)

You are welcome to be as aspirational as you can in this section: please outline in detail why you believe this young person is amazing, and why they should receive an award in the specific category you selected above.

In addition to the written summaries below, please provide supporting material if you can – this might include photos, videos, quotes from the young person, etc.

What are the young person's strengths? (200 words)

What significant achievements are they proud of? How have they contributed to their community?



What are their hopes and dreams for the future? (200 words)

What are some personal / professional / educational / community goals the young person would like to achieve over the next few years?

What will the young person use the award money for? How will this progress their personal development and aspirations over the next few years? (200 words)

Please be as specific as possible, as this is a key consideration of the selection panel. Note the funds must be used within two years of receiving the award.

Please list attached supporting documentation

Documents to support the story of the young person can be a strong part of the nomination and help to demonstrate talents and skills. These might include photos, videos, or stories, artwork or writing by the young person, reference letters from key supporters or certificates of achievement.

Does the young person understand and consent to:

You submitting their nomination?

The information you have provided being reviewed by the Oranga Tamariki Communications team and a selection panel that includes representatives from Oranga Tamariki and our sponsor organisations?

Selected information from a background check (including history of care, criminal convictions, and youth justice involvement) being shared with the panel as part of the selection process?



Review

Confirmation statements

I confirm this entry meets the Awards eligibility criteria and the nominee is:

- Aged between 15 and 22* years
- Currently in care (either with Oranga Tamariki, or with an iwi or NGO provider) OR,
In care within the last six* years Yes No
- I confirm this entry is a true and accurate record

Site Manager Approval (Oranga Tamariki applications only)

I _____ confirm that I have read this nomination and have checked that the young person is eligible for this award, and I formally approve the nomination to be submitted for a Prime Minister's Oranga Tamariki Award.

Signed:

Date:

The final date for submission is Friday 17 July 2026.

Please email your nomination along with copies of any supporting documentation to:
PrimeMinistersAwards@ot.govt.nz

*Note: the eligibility criteria for 2026 has been adjusted to include rangatahi who may have been impacted by the postponement of the 2025 awards

**Thank you for nominating a special young person for the
2026 Prime Minister's Oranga Tamariki Awards.**