



Application Form

Te Ara Tohu Pūmanawa Taiohi

Waikato Youth Secondary Tertiary Advisory Group (WYSTAG)

Information you provide will be kept confidential to the Ministry of Education.

Download the form before making changes.

Applications close Feb 28, 2024

First Name/ Ingoa Tuatahi:

Email/limeera:

Age/Tau:

Gender (optional):

Ethnicity(ies)/Maataawaka (Iwi/Hapuu):

Kura Tuarua (state **all** secondary school(s)/kura, home-schooling you have attended):

Last Name/Ingoa Tuarua:

Phone/Mobile/Waea Puukoro:

Year Level/Reanga:

Waananga (if applicable state what tertiary institution you are attending):

We want to get to know you.

In **writing** or in **video** format complete the following two questions. **Please keep to the word count and/or time limit.**

1. What **three words** would you use to describe your character or top attributes?

2. In **100-230 words** explain what skills or experiences you can bring to the role? (A pepeha will not be included in the word count and if the application is written in te reo Maaori an extra 45 words can be added due to technical grammar requirements).

Please provide your signature (By signing your name, you are agreeing that the information provided is accurate and a true record and you have completed all sections.)

Signature of Applicant: (if an electronic application a typed name is accepted)

Please return your completed application via email to ***margaret.paiti@education.govt.nz*** and include your ***name and school/wharekura in the Subject Header***. ***If you have any queries, do not hesitate to contact me via my email.***



Next Steps. You will receive a confirmation receipt email once your form is processed. If you are successful, the first induction meeting will take place in **March 2024**. You will be required to complete all requested documentation prior to this hui.

Frequently Asked Questions

What does Te Ara Tohu Pūmanawa Taiohi mean?

The Waikato Ministry of Education office was fortunate to have the name gifted by prominent Māori Leader Maatua Tom Roa (Ngāti Maniapoto, Waikato). The title means “Advising the Pathway for Youths’ Talents.”

What is the Te Ara Tohu Pūmanawa Taiohi (WYSTAG)?

This is a unique opportunity for a group of Waikato youth between the age of 15-20 from diverse backgrounds to represent, contribute, serve and have a say about future (Waikato) educational pathways.

Do I need to be attending a secondary school/ wharekura or educational setting, e.g., home-schooling, alternative education, or tertiary institution?

Yes (this will need to be verified.)

Do I need to inform my parents/caregiver?

If you are at school/wharekura or under the age of 18, you will need to get permission from your parent(s) or caregiver. A consent form will be given to all successful candidates.

How many members will be part of the group?

The Waikato YSTAG will be a team of up to 20 secondary school and tertiary students from across the Waikato region. If required, additional members will be brought into Te Ara Tohu Pūmanawa Taiohi.

Is this position a one-year tenure?

There is an option to extend the tenure of the position for up to three years.

What are the application criteria for the position?

- aged between 15 and 20 as of 1 January 2024
- in the **senior school**, i.e., either a Year 11, 12 or 13 or at a tertiary institution
- ability to work as a team
- proactive can-do attitude
- effective communication skills with the ability to listen to other people’s views and respect different opinions
- be able to provide feedback and participate in educational pathway forums or activities
- reflect Aotearoa’s cultural diversity
- able to attend at least four of the five face-to-face meetings and participate in Teams (virtual) forums