

**Restore  
Native**

Trees for the land,  
birds and the people



**Farming Futures**  
Environmental  
Scholarship 2026



# Grow a great tomorrow

## Farming Futures Environmental Scholarship

At Restore Native, we work closely with landowners, farmers and rural communities across the North Island. We see first-hand the value of practical, land based knowledge - and the important role it plays in environmental restoration.

The Farming Futures Environmental Scholarship has been created to support students from farming backgrounds who are studying environmental-related courses at university or polytechnic. Our aim is to help bridge practical farming experience with environmental science, restoration and land stewardship.



### Our Mission

We're on a mission to restore unproductive farmland into thriving, diverse native forests — bringing back biodiversity, birdsong, and long-term resilience.

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This scholarship reflects our desire to support the next generation working at the intersection of farming and environmental restoration. We want to help make it easier for future leaders in our sector to connect practical, on-farm experience with biodiversity outcomes.

Supporting students who understand both land-based systems and environmental processes is an important part of building resilient farm landscapes for the future.

ADAM THOMPSON, FOUNDER

## What the scholarship offers

- A \$2,000 cash contribution
- The opportunity for practical experience with Restore Native helping to restore unproductive land on farms (paid holiday work)

## Who can apply

### Applicants must:

- Come from a farming background or family farming background
- Be currently or enrolled to start studying an environmental-related course at a university or polytechnic





## How to apply

1. Film a video of yourself (max 2 minutes) covering off the application questions below. This can be done on your phone and doesn't need to be perfect - we just want to get to know the real you.
2. Complete our online application form and upload your video with it.

## Application Questions

**Please cover off the following questions in your video submission:**

- What is your farming background?
- What are you currently studying, and where?
- Why are you interested in environmental or restoration work?
- How would this scholarship support you in your studies or career pathway?
- Are you interested in potential paid holiday work opportunities?



**Complete online application form here**



## Selection

Applications will be reviewed based on:

- Connection to farming and rural environments
- Interest in environmental or restoration work
- Alignment with the values and approach of Restore Native

## Holiday work opportunities

Where suitable, the successful applicant may be offered paid holiday work. Availability will depend on location, timing and project requirements, and will be discussed directly with the applicant.



## ABOUT ADAM

**Adam is a passionate conservationist, farmer, and founder of Restore Native.**

Through Restore Native, he's helped thousands of landowners turn unproductive land into thriving native forests. His approach is practical and grounded — blending deep local knowledge with a firm belief that productive farming and ecological restoration can work hand in hand.

In 2023, Adam received national recognition at the Primary Industries New Zealand Awards, winning the Kaitiakitanga / Guardianship & Conservation Award. He also founded the Te Miro Kiwi Project, a community-driven effort to return kiwi to the local bush.



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