

Te Ngaehe Award

2025-2026 Application

Purpose:

This award is established in honour of Te Ngaehe Herangi, a highly skilled panel-beater whose nearly fifty-year career reflected exceptional craftsmanship, dedication, and pride in his trade. Born in the late 1930s, Te Ngaehe embodied the “get it done” spirit of his generation—capable, resourceful, and committed to mastering a wide range of technical skills. His journey into the automotive trades began when a mechanic recognized his natural talent and work ethic, encouraging him to pursue formal training at Manukau Technical Institute, where he completed the Panel-Beating program.

This award donated by NVIT Dean, Brandon Williams and friends, recognizes Te Ngaehe’s lifelong devotion to his craft and his belief in the value of trades training. It is created to support and inspire future tradespeople who demonstrate the same determination, skill, and passion that defined his life’s work.



A photo of Te Ngaehe Herangi's
great, great, great, grandfather,
Tawhiao Matutaera Pōtatau Te
Wherowhero

Eligibility:

Awarded to full-time Indigenous students from a BC First Nation (non-status/self-identifying included) attending the Merritt campus and completing any year of a trades program. Students must demonstrate excellence and outstanding progress in their programs, who put forth their best effort, demonstrate leadership skills, and are good team members.

Value:

Two (2) awards of \$500.00 each will be presented at the annual NVIT graduation ceremony. If the student is not graduating this year, the student will be emailed with notice to contact awards@nvit.ca to redeem their award.

Checklist:

Students must complete the following application checklist:

- Complete and sign the application
- Submit an NVIT transcript
- Write a 500-word essay explaining your future educational plans and community involvement.
 - Include your academic and career goals, your passion for the field of study, and your plans to contribute to community.
 - Discuss how you will use education to achieve your goals, and what steps you will take to stay connected to and make a positive impact in your community.

Deadline:

The NVIT Registration Office must receive applications by 4:30pm on March 31, 2026. If March 31st lands on a weekend, the application will be due the last business day before the deadline. Please email a copy to awards@nvit.ca or drop off the original copy at the front desk of either campus; faxes and/or photocopies will not be accepted. Reference letters must also be submitted through email to awards@nvit.ca.

Students may appeal the award decision by submitting a written letter to the awards adjudication committee attention:

Te Ngaehe Award
c/o Registration Office
Nicola Valley Institute of Technology-Merritt Campus
4155 Belshaw Street Merritt, BC V1K 1R1
awards@nvit.ca



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PERSONAL INFORMATION:		
Name:		
Last	First	Middle Initial
Permanent Mailing Address		
(____) _____ - _____	_____	____/____/____
Telephone	Student ID	Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)
_____ - _____ - _____	_____	
S.I.N.	Email Address	
Citizenship: <input type="radio"/> BC Resident	<input type="radio"/> Other: _____	
Ancestry: <input type="radio"/> Métis	<input type="radio"/> Inuit	<input type="radio"/> First Nations Status
<input type="radio"/> First Nations Non-Status	<input type="radio"/> Other: _____	
Territory: _____	Band/Nation: _____	

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION:	
What program are you currently enrolled in? Only trades program are eligible.	

What campus do you attend? _____	Are you full or part-time? _____

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Applicant's Declaration:

I hereby declare the information on this application is, to the best of my knowledge, complete and accurate. I acknowledge the information will be used to determine my eligibility for awards administered by NVIT and NVIT reserves the right to verify information on my application. If any of the information provided in this application should change, I understand it is my responsibility to advise the Registrar's Office, in writing, of any such changes. Should I be awarded a scholarship, I agree my name may be released to scholarship donors, my secondary school or college, and may appear in a published list of award winners.

Signature: _____

Date: (yyyy/mm/dd) _____/_____/_____

