



**SPIRIT OF EXCELLENCE IN AGRICULTURE
AWARDS**

Rural Youth Bursary
sponsored by
Primary Industries & Regions SA

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Providing a young person working in a rural community the opportunity to pursue further study in their chosen career

Aim

To provide young people (18-30) working in rural areas within South Australia the opportunity to pursue further study, undertake a study tour or to develop a special project, which will ultimately benefit the rural community.

The Rural Youth Bursary (The Bursary) is not restricted to primary production and applicants can be employed in any rural capacity.

Funding

The Bursary is made possible from funding through the Agricultural Bureau of South Australia and offers a \$5000 grant to the successful recipient.

Eligibility

The Bursary is open to all young South Australians (18-30) working in rural areas who wish to pursue further study in their chosen career.

Applicants must submit their own applications.

Selection

Selection will be based upon the applicant's abilities, achievements and motivation to succeed in their chosen career.

The recipient will need to demonstrate competency in their study, career and interpersonal skills and will be expected to work within his/her chosen career while holding The Bursary.

Selection Criteria

The selection panel will select a winner on the applicant's ability to demonstrate how their knowledge, passion and achievements in their chosen career and study field will benefit the rural community.

A written application by the applicant must be submitted prior to the deadline. Finalists will then be selected and interviewed by the selection panel.

Applications

Applications close Monday 11 September 2017.

Applicants will need to address the following points.

1. A demonstrated knowledge and understanding of their career, their community and rural areas.
2. Details of achievements in their chosen career and study field.
3. Details of what they wish to pursue using the Bursary grant, ie. further study, a study tour or special project.
4. A summary of what is hoped to be achieved from The Bursary and how this will ultimately benefit the rural community.

It is expected that applications are professionally presented.

The selection panel will question successful applicants on these aspects at the interview stage.

Conditions of entry

Applicants must be between 18 and 30 years of age at the time of application and working in a rural area.

Applicants must allow their names, photographs and any other information provided by them to be used in publicity associated with The Bursary.

The selection panel and/or sponsors reserve the right to withhold a recipient in the event that no applications are deemed suitable.

Contract

The Bursary recipient must enter into a formal contract with the Agricultural Bureau of South Australia which will include the following.

The Bursary must be taken within 12 months of acceptance.

The Agricultural Bureau of SA does not take any financial responsibility for expenses incurred by the recipient outside of the grant allocated.

The recipient must declare if any medical ailments or disabilities will impede on the successful completion of The Bursary.

The recipient is responsible for ensuring adequate insurance arrangements are in place ie. medical and/or personal insurance.

The recipient must submit a written report within eight (8) weeks of completion.

The recipient is expected to present and/or speak about The Bursary to individuals and/or groups.

The recipient will not hold the Agricultural Bureau of SA or its sponsors responsible for any illness, accident, mishap, damage or loss to a person or property that may arise out of successfully undertaking, or on completion of The Bursary.

Spirit of Excellence Awards presentation

The recipient is expected to attend the Spirit of Excellence Awards dinner and presentation to be held in Thursday 12 October 2017 in Adelaide.

Contact

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NOMINATION FORM

Entries close 5 pm Monday 11th September 2017

Rural Youth Bursary *sponsored by Primary Industries & Regions SA* will be presented at the Agricultural Bureau of SA's annual Spirit of Excellence Awards dinner on Thursday 12 October 2017

The details in Section 1 and 2 below **must** be completed by the applicant

SECTION 1

Name: _____

Residential address: _____

_____ Postcode: _____

Postal address: [if different than above] _____

_____ Postcode: _____

Contact phone number: _____ Fax: _____

Email address: _____

Date of birth: _____

Current employer: _____

Employers phone number: _____

Employers address: _____

_____ Postcode: _____

SECTION 2

1. Please describe (in no more than 500 words) your career, rural community, career achievements, study or employment and vision for the future.
2. Please explain (in no more than 500 words) what you wish to gain from The Bursary, how you will use the grant and how this will ultimately benefit your rural community.
3. Please ensure that you attach a current Curriculum Vitae.

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