



**SPIRIT OF EXCELLENCE IN AGRICULTURE
AWARDS**

**Sustainable Agriculture Scholarship
for Young Farmers 2017**

In memory of Peter and Wendy Olsen

Sponsored by the Department of Environment, Water and
Natural Resources

2017



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Providing young farmers in South Australia the opportunity to improve personal and professional development skills

Aim

To provide young farmers (18-35) in South Australia with the opportunity to improve personal and professional skills that will benefit the industry, the individual in their own business or employment and the sustainability of natural resources that underpin primary production.

Purpose

The Sustainable Agriculture Scholarship for Young Farmers (The Scholarship) may be used for study tours, courses or further study or assist to directly fund their commencement of a specific project.

**** note these funds are not intended for the following purpose;*

Provide a salary /wage for the participant

Pay for existing college/tertiary fees

Funding

The Scholarship is made possible from funding from the Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources (DEWNR) and offers an \$8000 grant to the successful recipient. DEWNR is committed to supporting communities and industry to make decisions and take action to ensure the sustainable use of our natural resources.

Eligibility

The Scholarship is open to all young South Australian farmers between the ages of 18-35 who have been involved in farming, as their principle activity for the past 12 months.

Applicants must submit their own applications.

Selection

Selection of the recipient will be based upon the applicant's abilities, achievements and motivation to succeed in a primary production career (agriculture, horticulture, viticulture or aquaculture).

The recipient will need to demonstrate competency in a range of farming and interpersonal skills and will be expected to work within his/her chosen industry while holding The Scholarship.

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, 4 September 2017. Applicants will need to address the following points.

1. Knowledge and understanding of their farming enterprise and vision for its future.
2. Past achievements and future aspirations.
3. Clearly define what the grant will be used for (ie. study tour; course; project)
 - study tour (ensure you include places to visit and demonstrate the relevance to developing your project)
 - budget
4. Outline the benefit of The Scholarship in terms of:
 - a) personal development
 - b) business development
 - c) industry and/or community development
 - d) how sustainable use of our natural resources will be improved
5. Outline how you will report on The Scholarship results ie. communicating, sharing and implementation

Conditions of entry

Applicants must be between 18 and 35 years of age at time of application.

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

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

Contract

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

The Scholarship 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 Scholarship.

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 Scholarship 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 Scholarship.

Spirit of Excellence Awards presentation

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

Contact

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This scholarship has been named in memory of Peter and Wendy Olsen who on the 31st May 2000 were among eight people that died when a flight from Adelaide to Whyalla crashed while attempting to ditch in the Spencer Gulf.

Peter is remembered as a passionate farmer who with his wife's support took over the running of his family grain and sheep farm near Cleve in the early 1980's.

Peter, at the time of his death was a serving member of the Agricultural Bureau of SA and the Advisory Board of Agriculture and Wendy was actively involved with Landcare. Through this award we acknowledge Peter and Wendy's passion for environmental management and advocates for sustainable farming practices.

The Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources (DEWNR) plays a critical role in shaping the future of South Australia. DEWNR's vision is of a sustainable and prosperous South Australia where natural resources are used wisely and a healthy environment is understood to be the foundation of our quality of life. This means using our natural resources sustainably.

The Agricultural Bureau of South Australia is a not-for-profit organisation run by farmers for farmers. The Bureau helps to bridge the gap between scientist and farmer and assists its members in working together on issues of common interest. The Bureau has a long history in South Australia, serving agriculture since 1888. There are around 60 active branches spread throughout the state, with groups meeting regularly to exchange ideas, discuss farming practices and issues, and work on common challenges together.



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NOMINATION FORM

Entries close 5 pm Monday, 11 September 2017

The Scholarship 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 1000 words) the farming related activities conducted at your present place of employment, your previous experiences and your vision for the future.
2. Please explain (in no more than 1000 words) what you wish to gain from The Scholarship and how you will use the grant.

Please include a clearly defined outline of the project with a detailed budget
Study tour itinerary of places to visit and demonstrate the relevance to developing your project.

3. Please outline how you plan to share the knowledge gained through The Scholarship (in no more than 500 words).
4. Please ensure that you attach a Curriculum Vitae.

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