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

### **Aim**

To provide farmers (aged 18-40) 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 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 for Environment and Water (DEW) and offers an \$8000 grant to the successful recipient. DEW 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 18-40 who have been involved in farming, as their principal 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, 17 September 2018. Applicants will need to address the following points.

1. A demonstrated knowledge and understanding of their farming enterprise and details of past achievements and vision for the future.
2. Details of what the scholarship will be used for and why (i.e. study tour; training course; project activities):
  - ensure you include places to visit and demonstrate the relevance to your project
  - nature of training course or project activities
  - budget, including detailed costs relating to planned activities
3. A summary of what the benefits of The Scholarship would be in terms of:
  - a) personal and business development
  - b) industry and/or community development
  - d) how sustainable management of our natural resources will be improved
4. Outline how you will share the knowledge gained through The Scholarship.
5. Please include a current Curriculum Vitae, including at least two current referees

Please ensure all of the above are included in your application and each point, 1 to 5, is answered separately. 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 40 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 and the Sponsor do 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 the successful completion of The Scholarship.

The recipient is responsible for ensuring their own insurance arrangements are in place.

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

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 18 October 2018 in Adelaide.

The recipient is expected to present and/or speak about The Scholarship at the Spirit of Excellence awards dinner the following year and to individuals and/or groups as required.

## **Contact**

Enquiries via:

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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 for Environment and Water (DEW) plays a critical role in shaping the future of South Australia. DEW'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, 17 September 2018

**Sustainable Agriculture Scholarship for Farmers** sponsored by the Department for Environment and Water will be presented at the Agricultural Bureau of SA's annual Spirit of Excellence Awards dinner on Thursday 18 October 2018

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: [if applicable] \_\_\_\_\_

Employers phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Employers address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

