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NOMINATIONS WINDOW EXTENDED FOR 2018 EXCELLENCE IN AGRICULTURE AWARDS

The Agricultural Bureau of South Australia has extended the closing date for applications for its 2018 Spirit of Excellence in Agriculture Awards to Monday, 24 September.

The Awards offer young farmers and rural youth the opportunity to pursue personal and professional development to ultimately benefit their local communities.

Applications are now being accepted for the following awards:

- The [Sustainable Agriculture Scholarship for Young Farmers](#) sponsored by the Department for Environment and Water (DEW) is an \$8000 grant for a young farmer (aged 18-40) to pursue further study, take a study tour or run a special project. DEW is committed to supporting communities and industry to make decisions and take action to ensure the sustainable use of our natural resources.
- The [Rural Youth Bursary](#) sponsored by Primary Industries & Regions SA (PIRSA) is a \$5000 grant for rural young people (aged 18-30) working in a rural community, not necessarily in agriculture, to undertake further study in their chosen career with an ultimate benefit to their community.

The [Sustainable Agriculture Scholarship for Young Farmers](#) honours the memory of the late Peter Olsen, a serving member of the Advisory Board of Agriculture who was killed in a Whyalla plane crash in 2000. The Scholarship acknowledges Peter and his wife Wendy's passion for environmental management and advocates for sustainable farming practices.

Mark Grossman, Chair of the Ag Bureau, says that successful recipients for each award are chosen on their abilities, achievements, vision and motivation for success.

"The Ag Bureau of SA is proud to continue to encourage and support rural youth who are working not only in primary production but in careers that sustain rural communities," said Mr Grossman.

"The Bureau acknowledges the support of both the Department for Environment and Water (DEW) and Primary Industries and Regions SA (PIRSA), which allows us to provide these prestigious scholarships."

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Applications forms are available at www.agbureau.com.au/awards/. Entries close 5pm Monday, 24 September 2017. For more information please email: agbureau@ruralbusinesssupport.org.au.

Award winners will be presented at the Ag Bureau's Spirit of Excellence Awards Dinner on 18 October. Shortlisted applicants will be interviewed on Friday 5 October.

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AWARD SPONSORS:

The [Sustainable Agriculture Scholarship for Young Farmers](#) is sponsored by the Department for Environment and Water Resources

The [Rural Youth Bursary](#) is sponsored by Primary Industries and Regions SA



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