

THE RURAL YOUTH BURSARY

2011

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AIM OF THE BURSARY

To provide people aged 18 – 30 years working in rural areas with the opportunity to pursue further study, undertake a study tour, or to develop a special project, which will ultimately benefit the rural community. The Bursary is open to young people in all types of employment, not just primary production.

THE BURSARY

The Bursary is made possible by allocation of the residual monies from the winding up of the South Australian Rural Youth Movement. The Agricultural Bureau of SA Inc. has been given the money to administer and is awarding a Bursary of \$5 000 in 2011 to a young South Australian with the aim of benefiting rural South Australians. Other bursaries will be awarded in future years.

ELIGIBILITY

The Bursary is open to all young South Australian persons working in a rural area between the ages of 18 and 30 years who wish to pursue further study in their chosen career. Applicants must apply and submit their own applications.

FORMAT

The winning applicant will receive sponsorship in the form of a \$5 000 grant to achieve the Aims of the Bursary. The Bursary winner must access the Bursary within a twelve month period from winning the Bursary.

SELECTION

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

The winner will need to demonstrate competency in their study and 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.

Whilst the initial presentation of knowledge will be in the form of a written application, the selection panel will also interview the finalists.

APPLICATIONS

Applicants need to include:

- a demonstrated knowledge and understanding of their career , their community and rural areas;
- details of achievements in their chosen career and study field;
- details of what they wish to pursue using the Bursary grant, ie. further study, a study tour or special project
- a summary of what they hope to achieve from the Bursary; and how this will ultimately benefit the rural community

It is expected that applications are professionally presented. An interview panel will question applicants on these aspects as part of the selection process.

CONDITIONS

Applicants must be between the ages of **eighteen (18) and thirty (30) years** and working in a rural area when nominating.

Applicants must be prepared to allow their names and photographs and any other information provided by them to be used in publicity associated with the Bursary or any other sponsor-generated publicity.

The sponsors, in conjunction with the selection panel, reserve the right not to present the Bursary in the event that none of the applicants are deemed suitable.

CONTRACT

The selected applicants eligibility for the Bursary is subject to them entering into a formal contract with the sponsors, the terms of which will include:

- **Timing**
The recipient will take the Bursary within twelve (12) months of acceptance.
- **Expenses**
The sponsors do not accept any financial responsibility for expenses incurred by the Bursary winner. The responsibility of the sponsors is limited to funding the Bursary.
- **Health**
The successful applicant must give an undertaking that at the time of signing the contract they do not suffer from any ailments or disabilities which might interfere with the completion of the Bursary.
- **Insurance**
The Bursary winner is responsible for making adequate insurance arrangements including medical and other personal insurance.
- **Reports and Promotions**
The Bursary winner undertakes to submit a written report within six months of completion of the Bursary.

The Bursary winner is expected to speak to any individual or group of their experiences.

- **Responsibility**
The Bursary winner agrees not to hold the sponsors responsible for any illness, accident, mishap, damage or loss, whether to person or property arising out of negligence of the sponsors that may affect them during the period of the Bursary, or as a subsequent result of it.

AGM / AWARDS NIGHT

The winner will be invited to attend the Agricultural Bureau of SA's AGM / Awards Dinner for the announcement and presentation of the Fellowship.

This function will be held on *Monday 12th September 2011* at the Hahndorf Inn, Hahndorf.

APPLICATION FORM – RURAL YOUTH BURSARY

(To be filled in by applicant)

Section 1

Name.....

Postal Address

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Phone No. Fax No.....

Email.

Date of Birth / /.....

Current Employer

Employers Phone No

Employers address.

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Section 2

(a) In no more than two A4 pages describe:

“Your career, rural community, achievements in your career and study of employment and your vision for the future”

(b) In no more than one A4 page explain:

“What you would wish to gain from this Bursary, how you will use the Grant and how this will ultimately benefit your rural community.”

(c) Attach a Curriculum Vitae

Completed applications should be forwarded to:

**Rural Youth Bursary
Executive Support Team
Reply Paid 6631
Agricultural Bureau of SA Inc
GPO Box 1671
ADELAIDE SA 5001**

Closing date for applications is *Friday 12th August 2011.*

For any further enquiries, please contact Annie Madden on 1800 652 258 or 8226 0351 / email: anne.madden@sa.gov.au