

Applying for a Gardiner Dairy Foundation Tertiary Scholarship

Application forms should be downloaded from Gardiner Dairy Foundation's webpage <http://www.gardinerfoundation.com.au/current-projects-community/#TertScholars> and emailed to scholarships@gardinerfoundation.com.au

Applications **close at 5pm on Sunday 7 November, 2016**. Late applications will not be accepted. We encourage all applicants to regularly save a back-up copy of their application form.

Applicants are required to submit along with their application form:

- A copy of their most recent academic results transcript (for current students, and those who have studied in the last 3 years)
- An up-to-date resume
- A letter of support from an independent referee

Selection Process

Applications will be shortlisted according to the three assessment criteria **by Mid - December**.

Eligibility requirements

Successful Scholars must be:

- Pursuing a career through their chosen course that will either directly benefit the dairy industry and/or benefit dairy communities
- Commencing their first year of full-time tertiary study in 2017 (University or TAFE)
- Required to move away from home to take up their chosen course
- Australian citizens

Assessment Criteria

- Potential to make a positive contribution to the dairy industry or its rural communities
- Personal achievement and community involvement
- Academic commitment and achievement

Shortlisted applicants will need to supply their ATAR (VCE) score upon receipt (expected on 12 December) and notification of university offer (first round available on 18 January, 2017). Upon receipt of ATAR scores and university offers, shortlisted applicants will be invited to attend an interview **late January 2017**.

Interviews will be conducted by a small multi-skilled independent panel. Candidates are required to provide evidence at their interview that they have been offered a place in a suitable tertiary course. (If an applicant is awaiting a second round offer, they must advise the panel at interview.)

The interview panel will determine its preferred four scholarship candidates, and will recommend them to the Foundation. Interviewees will be advised of the outcome by the **first week February 2017**.

The successful Scholars will be required to sign a Letter of Agreement accepting the Terms and Conditions of the scholarship as detailed on page 2 below. At this time they will also need to provide evidence of their enrolment.

Once the Foundation has received a Scholar's signed Letter of Agreement and evidence of enrolment, the first payment will be made into the nominated bank account within 30 days.

Terms and Conditions of Scholarship

Scholar reports:

In order to receive their payments, the Scholar must provide documents to Gardiner Dairy Foundation before each semester begins. These documents are due twice every year of study, on **15 February** and **1 August**.

In year 1, prior to **15 February**, the Scholar will provide a copy of their enrolment statement for first semester and a signed Letter of Agreement.

Prior to **1 August** in year 1, and every subsequent year prior to **15 February** and **1 August**, the Scholar will provide a progress report detailing their experiences during the previous semester on the template provided by Gardiner Dairy Foundation, a copy of their academic results transcript for the previous semester, and a copy of their re-enrolment statement for coming semester.

Publicity and communications:

Gardiner Dairy Foundation will use some of the information provided in successful Scholars' application forms to promote its Tertiary Scholarships program. This information will be published in print media and online. Gardiner Dairy Foundation may also wish to take photographs of the successful Scholars and use these for media and communications purposes.

Scholars will be invited to participate in Gardiner Dairy Foundation functions or events from time to time, and may be required to speak or present at such an event.

Gardiner Dairy Foundation will keep Scholars informed of any upcoming opportunities for professional or leadership development that it may be able to offer.

Continuity of studies:

Gardiner Dairy Foundation agrees to fund the Scholar for the designated number of years of their approved course, as stated in the Letter of Agreement.

The Scholar agrees to advise Gardiner Dairy Foundation in advance of any change their course of studies. This might include extension of the study period, withdrawal, deferral, transferal to a different course or to part-time study. Gardiner Dairy Foundation will review the circumstances and may elect to terminate the Scholarship Agreement if deemed appropriate.

Should a Scholar withdraw from their course for any reason prior to graduation, Gardiner Dairy Foundation will terminate the Scholarship Agreement.

In the event that a Scholar fails a unit, they will be required to meet with the Program Manager to discuss the circumstances, and will have the opportunity to demonstrate renewed commitment to completing the course. After the meeting, Gardiner Dairy Foundation may elect to terminate the Scholarship Agreement if deemed appropriate.