



GARDINER FOUNDATION

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Gardiner Foundation announces Dairy Scholarship Program for 2010

The Gardiner Foundation is pleased to announce that it will again offer Gardiner Dairy Scholarships for entry to university undergraduate and TAFE courses commencing in 2010.

The Gardiner Dairy Scholarships are offered as part of the Foundation's Community and People Development Program which seeks to attract, retain and develop talented people in the industry and build capability in Victorian dairying communities. It offers scholarships of up to \$10,000 to students entering first year undergraduate studies at university or up to \$5,000 to students entering TAFE studies of minimum two years' duration.

CEO Paul Ford said "The Gardiner Foundation recognises that Victorian dairy farming families are operating in very difficult climatic and economic conditions. The reality in such tough conditions is that dairy farming families may be forced to forego their children's higher education because of the considerable costs involved."

He added "The Foundation is offering these scholarships to help dairy farming families overcome the financial hurdles associated with further study. It will allow scholarship winners to pursue their choice of higher education and the long term career opportunities that flow from that education."

Information on eligibility and selection criteria can be obtained from the Guidelines and Application Forms available on the Gardiner Foundation website.

Mr Ford said "Already 13 young Victorians from the dairying sector have been awarded Gardiner Dairy Scholarships for university courses leading to Bachelor of Education, Human Movement, Physiology, Economics/Commerce, Media, Psychology, Education/Physical Education and at TAFE Colleges for Media/Screen, Agriculture (Dairy), Rural Business Management".

"All of these Scholarship recipients originated from rural communities, expressed a strong commitment to Regional Victoria when applying and in the future will no doubt deploy their professional skills in communities around the State", he added.

How to apply

Applications for the 2010 Gardiner Dairy Scholarship program open on 1 October 2009 and close on Friday 18 December 2009.

Guidelines and application forms are available on www.gardinerfoundation.com.au.

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