GARDINER FOUNDATION DAIRY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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OTHER CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

A school principal and a second independent referee will need to validate the fact that the students tertiary studies would be unlikely to proceed without financial support of the Foundation.

The student will have a record of achievement both at school and in their community through service, sport or cultural pursuits. They will have well developed personal goals and career expectations. Above all, they will have a genuine commitment to rural Victoria, especially dairy farming regions.

HOW TO APPLY

Application forms are available from the Foundation Office on request or by downloading from the Foundation's website at www.gardinerfoundation.com.au

Completed applications forms should be forwarded to the Foundation's office and an electronic copy should also be provided to applications@gardinerfoundation.com.au.

In addition to the completed form, applicants must provide a two-page resume including a statement of goals and their motivation to apply. Two referees are required, one being academic and the other concerning the community. Applications must be signed by the applicant and a parent/guardian.

Applications for the award of a scholarship for 2009 close on
Wednesday 10 December 2008.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF PAYMENT TO SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

On receipt of the acceptance of the student by the tertiary institution, and signature of the Scholarship Agreement Letter, payment will be made in three parts:

- $4,500 on formal enrolment at a tertiary institution at the commencement of first semester.
- $4,500 on commencement of the second semester.
- $1,000 on receipt of a report by the recipient at the end of the academic year.

MORE INFORMATION

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WHAT IS THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM?

The Gardiner Dairy Scholarship Program was first introduced for students entering tertiary studies in 2008. The initiative was extremely well received by the Victorian dairying community and as a result it is again offered for 2009.

Under the program, students from dairy farming families will be eligible for a scholarship of $10,000 to offset the costs of undertaking the first year of tertiary studies. These costs may include living and transport costs, tuition fees, books, etc. Five scholarships will be made available through a competitive selection process.

WHY ARE THEY BEING OFFERED?

Some parts of the Victorian dairy industry have been severely impacted by drought in recent years, and the outlook for 2008/09 appears to indicate another difficult season. The financial burden involved in providing a tertiary education for the children of Victorian dairying families may result in decisions to defer or cancel those studies. In particular, the costs involved in establishing a student in the metropolitan or a major urban centre to undertake tertiary education can be prohibitive.

The scholarships are designed to help deserving students to overcome these financial hurdles and allow them to pursue their choice of higher education and the long term career opportunities that flow from that education.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Gardiner Foundation Dairy Scholarships are available for potential tertiary students who are:

- ◊ Australian citizens residing in Victoria
- ◊ Members of a dairy farming family.
- ◊ Required to live away from home to study.
- ◊ Year 12 students or recent school leavers who have applied for admission to any tertiary degree, or awarded and accepted a place at a tertiary institution to study for a full time undergraduate degree.
- ◊ Not in receipt of any other scholarship.

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