

STAFFORDSHIRE & BIRMINGHAM AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS

One or more scholarships of £1500 will be awarded annually by the Staffordshire & Birmingham Agricultural Society dependant upon demand and available funding.

The Society will reserve the right not to award any scholarships if it is deemed that no suitable applications have been received.

Applications are to be submitted by 1st March for consideration by the Society's Council at their meeting in April with the award announced at the Staffordshire County Show in late May/early June. A Single payment will be made directly to the college or university on 1st September.

Applicants must either be a member of the Staffordshire Young Farmers Club, reside within the County of Staffordshire or within 10 miles of the County boundary. Furthermore they must be a British national

Applications will only be accepted from students on full time agricultural courses. Moreover, applications will only be accepted from students on the first or second year of a three year course or from students on the first or third year of a four year course. Students undertaking an agricultural based full time postgraduate course can apply in the first year of a two year course or in the first or second year of a three year course. However scholarships will not be awarded to students on gap years or placements. A student who is awarded a scholarship will be allowed to reapply in subsequent years as will applicants who had previous applications rejected.

Application for a scholarship will initially be by completion of a form that will require details of the course being studied, future career aspirations, work experience, academic record to date and involvement in agricultural organisations e.g. Young Farmers Clubs. Short listed candidates will be required to attend a thirty minute interview conducted by the Scholarship Committee at the Staffordshire County Showground.

Applicants will be required to repay the scholarship if they fail to complete the course

The award of the scholarship will be based on the following criteria:

- a. Agricultural content of the course being studied
- b. Past academic record
- c. Involvement in agricultural organisations
- d. Previous agricultural experience
- e. Future career aspirations.

The Scholarship Committee will include the Society Chairman, Society Vice Chairman, Chief Executive, YFC County Organiser and co-opted members.

**STAFFORDSHIRE & BIRMINGHAM AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

Full Name

Home Address

Home Telephone Number

Mobile Telephone Number

Date of Birth

Course Title

Qualification Awarded by Course

Length of Course

Current Year of Study

Name of College or University

Brief Outline of Course Content

Details of all qualifications gained to date including grades achieved where appropriate

Details of grades achieved on course work and end of year examinations to date

Details of Membership of any agricultural organisations e.g. Young Farmers Clubs including period of membership and any positions held

Brief details of any work experience undertaken

Outline below your career aspirations and your reasons for applying for the scholarship