

Round 5 - Upskill and Invest Young Farmers Scholarship Application

Introduction

Please be sure to have read the relevant Program Guidelines before completing the application form.

Privacy and Commercial Confidentiality

The Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions (DJPR) is collecting your personal information such as your name and contact details to assess your eligibility for grant funding and to contact you about your application. Your information will be held by DJPR and be managed in accordance with the Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014 and the Public Records Act 1974. For more information, go to the Department's Privacy Policy.

Data Security and Ownership

Information in this application is transmitted to the Department's secure environment once you have saved or submitted an application. Your draft form can be seen by Departmental staff but will not be viewed in detail or assessed until you have submitted it.

Funding Discretionary

Assessment of this application and any decision to approve funding are matters for the State of Victoria in its absolute discretion acting through its Ministers and the Department.

State Not Liable for Claims Arising from Application

The State of Victoria will not be liable for any action or claim arising from or in connection with this application and its assessment.

* Indicates mandatory field.

Are you eligible to apply?

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| 1. Are you 35 years of age or younger? * | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Are you working in a farm business in Victoria at least 3 days per week, and have you been doing so for the last 3 months? * | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Are you an Australian citizen or a permanent resident? * | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Do you currently reside in Victoria? * | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Other

5. What is your highest level of education? *

6. Tell us about where you are in your farming journey? Please include your total years of on-farm experience. *

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| 7. Have you, or will you, apply for or receive any other grant, funding or scholarship for the activities specified in this application form? * If yes please specify | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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Applicant Information

Title

Given Name *

Surname *

Phone/Direct * (Please prefix e.g. + 61 3)

Mobile (Please prefix e.g. + 61)

Email *

Preferred communication method

Email

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Phone

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Mail

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Home Address

Street Address

Suburb/Town

State

Country

Post Code

Is the Postal Address same as Home Address?

Yes

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No

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Postal Address

Street Address

Suburb/Town

State

Country

Post Code

How did you find out about the
Young Farmers Scholarship?

Have you ever applied for the Young Farmers Scholarship
before?

Yes

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No

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Employment Details

Business Name

Registered/Trading Name *

Parent Subsidiary or Associated
Companies

Australian Business Number (ABN)

Australian Company Number (ACN)

Phone Direct

Email

Business Address

Registered Address

Street Address *

Suburb/Town *

State *

Country *

Post Code *

Local Government Authority (LGA) *

Is Postal Address same as Registered Address? *

Yes

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No

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Postal Address

Street Address

Suburb/Town

State

Country

Post Code

Local Government Authority (LGA)

In which agriculture sector do you
work?

What is your job title?

Do you wish to apply as an individual or as a business? *
(This question clarifies how payments are processed by the Department. See
the Program Guidelines for more information.)

Individual

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Business (not registered for GST)

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Business (registered for GST)

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Do you own/lease the business? *

Yes

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No

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Selection Criteria

Part 1: UPSKILL – Demonstrated interest in building skills and boosting career prospects

What are you looking to study? *

Provide a clear detailed study plan and timeline. This must include:

- The education institution/training organisation name;
- The course/subject name and code (if applicable);
- A description of the course/subject;
- Course commencement date;
- Total course duration (units/hours); and
- Exact cost of tuition.

Describe what you hope to learn by undertaking study in selected area(s). *

Part 2: INVEST – Desire to implement learnings from study or training

Please outline your proposal for expenditure of the Invest funds. *

If your application is successful, this can be revised following completion of study/training. Clearly identify proposed activity/purchase; total cost (if Invest funds will not cover total cost, specify how shortfall will be covered); timeframe for investment. Please note: INVEST funds cannot be accessed until after completion of the UPSKILL part of the Scholarship.

Explain how the Invest funds will support you to implement your learnings from your chosen study or training. *

If you are a farm employee, ensure your response notes how you will primarily benefit from the Invest funds.

Part 3: YOUR CAREER – Commitment to build a productive and profitable career in agriculture

Explain how the scholarship funds will help you build a productive and profitable career in agriculture. *

If you are working in an animal-based farm business please also answer the following question:

How does animal welfare contribute to a sustainable farming business, and what does this mean for you in your work?

Supporting Documentation

Proof of your age and residency in Victoria *

(e.g. a copy of your birth certificate, drivers licence or passport)

Please tick if attached

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Proof of nationality or status as a permanent resident *

(e.g. a copy of your birth certificate, passport)

Please tick if attached

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Proof of employment or business ownership *

(e.g. a letter from your employer, provision of employer contact details and/or Business Activity Statement (BAS), evidence of purchase of business)

Please tick if attached

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Letter of support from employer

Please tick if attached

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Change of name (where appropriate)

Please tick if attached

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Acknowledgement and Lodgement

I confirm that I have read and understood the relevant Program Guidelines and requirements

Agree

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Or Authorised Representative

I declare that I am authorised for and on behalf of the Applicant/Business nominated in this application to provide this declaration and to submit this application, and the information provided in this application (including attachments) is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Agree

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Name *

Position/Role *

Please send this completed application form and supporting documentation to:

YoungFarmer.Coordinator@ecodev.vic.gov.au or post to:

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