NSW Farmers scholarships deadline imminent

With agricultural industries and regional communities demanding an increasing diversity of knowledge and skills, NSW Farmers is seeking to support students committed to these industries and communities through its tertiary scholarship program.

Applications are closing soon for the program which offers eight scholarships valued at $5000 each.

The scholarships seek to support students from farming backgrounds who are currently studying at university or TAFE. Students must be in their second year of university study, or first or second year of vocational study to be eligible. In addition, students, their partners, or parents must have held a full producer membership with the association during the past two years.

Acknowledging the importance of a diverse skill set for agricultural industries and rural communities, the scholarships are available to students studying any course at a recognised tertiary institution and are not limited to those studying in NSW.

NSW Farmers’ Rural Affairs Policy Director Angus Gidley-Baird said the aim of the scholarship program was to reward students who show an enthusiasm and passion for agriculture and who demonstrate the ability to become future industry leaders.

“We encourage all eligible students to begin the application process now to avoid missing out on this great opportunity,” he said.

Full details and application forms are available on the NSW Farmers’ website www.nswfarmers.org.au Forms must be completed and returned to the association by 5:00pm this Friday 15 February 2013.

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