



Show Society FOUNDATION

About us

The purpose of the Show Society Foundation is to support agricultural education and encourage individuals to pursue careers in primary industries.

Established in 2007, the Foundation provides scholarships, grants, bursaries and prizes covering all levels of education, with the aim of developing knowledge and skills in primary industry for the benefit of South Australia.

Scholarship recipients are encouraged to become involved in the activities of the Society, and to undertake promotional activities to inform the South Australian community about the importance of primary industry to the economy and social fabric of the State.

Since inception, the Foundation has distributed over \$705,000 to South Australian agricultural education initiatives, including directly supporting more than 40 individual young people into tertiary studies.

Urrbrae Agricultural High School Principal, Joslyn Fox, advises that these scholarships are imperative to the growth of the sector and success of the next generation:

"The scholarships provide an incentive to follow an agricultural pathway. They give students the opportunity to do things they would not otherwise think of doing. Agriculture now has changed so much with technology. The opportunities in farming today are far greater than ever before."

Programs supported by the Foundation in 2018 include:

Agricultural Societies Council of SA's Rural Ambassador Program and Awards
Brand South Australia's SA Regional Awards
Food and Fibre Education SA Initiative
Golden Grains Agricultural Education Exhibit
Intercollegiate Meat Judging Team
Junior Heifer Expo
Merino Schools Wether Competition Scholarship
Next Generation Group's Young Farmers Challenge

Rural Media Awards
SA Sheep Expo
Science Investigation Awards Regional Science Competition
South Australian Food Industry Awards Program
Technology Robotics Competition
University of Adelaide's Agriculture Faculty Scholarship
University of South Australia Rural Scholarship
Urrbrae Agricultural High School Scholarship

Some programs previously supported for multiple years by the Show Society Foundation include:

Adelaide Farmers' Market Stallholder Scholarship
Australian Council of Agricultural Societies
Country Education Fund - Clare region's Wool Wine & Wheat Scholarship

Primary Industry Centre for Science Education
SA All Breeds Dairy Youth Camp
Wine Media Cadetship

An additional note:

Over the past seven years, the Society has also gifted \$2.1 million in Royal Adelaide Show tickets and vouchers to South Australian charitable and non-profit groups.

There is an un-accounted, yet significant component of pro-bono assistance from the Society to non-profit and agricultural organisations. This includes free use of facilities, labour and equipment for events such as:

AWRI Advanced Wine Assessment Course
Cancer Council SA's Relay for Life
Co Opera: Opera on the Move

Novita Children's Services Christmas Party
Salvation Army's Christmas Drive

Dairy Industry Association of Australia's SA Dairy Awards

The collective benefit over the past 10 years, runs into the tens of thousands.

The RA&HS is proud to support the South Australian community through the Show Society Foundation. For more information about the Foundation visit www.showsocietyfoundation.com.au or phone 08 8210 5211.

*Promoting and supporting education in all
fields of agriculture and horticulture*