

## **ESPERANCE ORGANISED PRIMARY PRODUCERS CO-OPERATIVE LIMITED SCHOLARSHIP**

EOPP was founded in 1971 by a group of farmers, led by Lyle Shipard, who had a vision to reduce the cost of farm merchandise.

The intent of the EOPP Scholarship is to encourage and support passionate young people to embark on an agricultural career by assisting in their education at any registered WA College of Agriculture.

Each scholarship will be awarded to one year 11 student who will receive half of the scholarship in year 11 and the remainder in year 12; provided they continue to meet the expectations and eligibility criteria.

The scholarship will be paid to the college to defray costs associated with boarding and / or course fees.

### **Value**

\$10,000 per recipient; split into 4 payments - \$2,500 per semester.

Scholarship funds will be paid to the college. Recipients' school and boarding fees will be debited from these funds. Unspent scholarship funds will be returned to the funding body unless the recipient has been approved by the Scholarship Selection Panel to expend surplus funds for a learning activity related to the objectives of the scholarship.

### **Eligibility**

- Currently enrolled in year 11/12 at a registered WA College of Agriculture
- Resides in the Esperance Port Zone
- Not in receipt of Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC)

### **Selection Criteria**

- Demonstrated positive work ethic, enthusiasm and high level performance in the agriculture components of the course.
- Demonstrated enthusiasm, involvement and commitment to agriculture.
- Intent to pursue a career in agriculture.

## **Expectations**

Scholarship recipients

- Will maintain a positive and productive approach to their learning and involvement in agriculture.
- Will have an attendance record of 90% or better.
- Will maintain satisfactory effort across all subjects and learning areas according to school reports.
- Will do a presentation about their Agricultural College experience to the board of EOPP. The presentation may be written, video or in-person and is to be done prior to the final scholarship payment being made in July of Year 12.

## **Application Process**

Students intending on applying for the scholarship must write a covering application letter addressing the selection criteria and supply the following documents:

- School Reports
- Resume
- Two references

## **Selection Process**

Scholarship is advertised in the

- College communities via websites, newsletters to parents and college promotional materials.
- Esperance Port Zone community via EOPP Facebook and Newsletter

Students apply as per requirements outlined.

A Scholarship Selection Panel is formed by the EOPP Board to assess applicants and make selection.

## **Timeline**

1. Applications are to be in by 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024.
2. Selection process to be completed by 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

## **Contact Information**

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