

# AgShows NSW Youth Bursary Program Guidelines

## Royals of the Commonwealth Conference – South Africa

### 1. Purpose

The AgShows NSW Youth Bursary Program supports young people involved in the agricultural show movement to attend the Royals of the Commonwealth Conference, to be held in Cape Town, South Africa from 1–5 November 2026.

Two bursaries are available to build leadership capability, expose young volunteers to international best practice, and strengthen the future sustainability of agricultural shows.

### 2. Bursary Value

Up to **two bursaries of \$3,500** are available.

### 3. Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must:

- a. Be under 40 years of age as at 1 November 2026.
- b. Be actively involved in a financial AgShows NSW Member organisation.
- c. Demonstrate current or recent involvement in agricultural shows.
- d. Provide endorsement from the Agricultural Society they are involved with.
- e. Be able to attend the full Royals of the Commonwealth Conference (1–5 November 2026).
- f. Submit a complete application by the closing date.

### 4. Eligible Use of Funds

Bursary funds may be used for:

- a. Conference registration
- b. Airfares
- c. Accommodation
- d. Reasonable travel-related expenses directly associated with conference attendance

### 5. Assessment Criteria

Applications will be assessed against the following:

1. **Agricultural Show Involvement**
  - a. Nature and duration of involvement in agricultural shows

- b. Roles undertaken and responsibilities held

## 2. Leadership and Emerging Leadership

- a. Demonstrated leadership or leadership potential
- b. Contribution to show operations, committees or governance

## 3. Benefit to the Show Movement

- a. Identified outcomes from attending the conference
- b. Benefit to the applicant's Agricultural Society and the broader Ag Shows NSW network
- c. Alignment with the long-term sustainability of agricultural shows

## 4. Quality of Application

- a. Clarity, completeness and thoughtfulness of responses
- b. Demonstrated understanding of the value of the conference

## 6. Selection and Conditions

- a. Applications will be assessed by a panel appointed by AgShows NSW
- b. The panel's decision is final
- c. Successful applications will be required to provide a post-conference report or presentation to share learnings
- d. Funding is subject to compliance with all bursary conditions

## 7. Application Timeline

- **Applications open now!** Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2026
- **Applications close:** midnight 15 March 2026
- **Recipients announced:** before or on 31 March 2026