

Herefords Australia Youth NEW ZEALAND EXCHANGE

Applications for the annual Herefords Australia Youth Exchange with the NZ Hereford Association (NZHA) are sought now from Herefords Australia Members. This exchange, courtesy of Herefords Australia and NZHA, entitles a Youth Member from each country to visit the other as an educational and development opportunity.

The successful Australian recipient will travel to New Zealand for up to two weeks. The NZ Hereford Association (NZHA) will arrange a series of events and host families for the recipient to visit during this time. These may include a NZHA Ambassador Tour, NZ Beef Expo, seedstock and commercial producers as well as other beef industry related organisations around the country.

The dates for the 2017 Exchange are from approximately May 1st until May 20th 2017, excluding travel days. Exact travel dates will be confirmed with New Zealand closer to May. Applicants should be aware dates may change slightly either side of the date range provided.

What is provided for the Scholarship recipient:

- Return flight costs to NZ will be covered by Herefords Australia including costs associated with connecting travel to a major metropolitan airport (e.g. Sydney, Melbourne)
- NZHA will arrange a series of hosts for the recipient to visit. This will give them a 'hands-on' feel for the NZ beef industry. Transport between host families will also be arranged by the NZHA
- Official Herefords Australia NZ Youth Exchange jacket.

Responsibilities of the Scholarship recipient:

- Compile a report for Herefords Australia and Herefords Australia Youth on their scholarship travels, experiences and learnings. You will be asked to present this report at a number of specified Herefords Australia events. Photographs would be appreciated for use in Hereford promotions
- Assist with organising host families/activities for the NZ Exchange visitor when they travel to Australia
- Become an active member and ambassador for Herefords Australia Youth
- Promote and encourage Youth Members to apply for NZ Exchange in coming years.

Eligibility:

- Applicants must be between 18 and 30 years of age as of 1st January 2017
- Applicants must be a current financial member of Herefords Australia.

How to apply

- Applicants must submit a letter addressed to the Herefords Australia Board - Youth Committee detailing their experience and background in these key areas:
 - ✓ Hereford and beef industry involvement and commitment
 - ✓ Future ambitions and plans
 - ✓ Education and training undertaken or in progress
- Applicants must sign and return the 'Conditions of Entry' (refer Appendix 1)
- Applicants must supply answers and return the 'Herefords Australia Company' and 'Beef Industry Questions' (refer Appendix 2)
- Applicants may be asked to attend an interview.

Return your application to the Herefords Australia office by 14th February 2017.

The Recipient:

The recipient of the New Zealand Exchange Scholarship will be announced by no later than February 21st 2017 and will be notified personally by phone.

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Conditions of Entry

The Exchange:

- The scholarship recipient will be expected to become actively involved in host farm activities where possible
- The scholarship recipient will behave in an appropriate manner befitting such an exchange at all times; they will do nothing to bring the exchange program, Herefords Australia, NZ Hereford Association or the Herefords Australia Youth program into disrepute or ridicule
- If improper behaviour occurs the scholarship recipient will be liable for all costs associated with the exchange and will be returned home at the earliest possible convenience
- Internal transport whilst in New Zealand maybe via a member's private vehicle, livestock agents or public transport funded within reason by the NZHA. Public transport will primarily be low cost options such as bus/train
- The scholarship recipient will, within the twelve months following the exchange, make themselves available for the purpose of promoting future exchanges and for advertising purposes for Hereford youth groups within each country. This includes writing a report on the exchange experience for the purposes of publication by Herefords Australia.

Costs: Herefords Australia will fund a return economy airfare from Australia to New Zealand. This flight is to leave from a major city in Australia and will arrive in Auckland or Wellington in New Zealand. The Scholarship recipient will book flights through Herefords Australia

- Herefords Australia Youth will supply the successful applicant with \$300 towards expenses incurred on the Exchange
- Extended visits or tours (beyond those organised as part of the exchange program) will be funded by the scholarship recipient
- The scholarship recipient should be prepared to cover up to \$500 of their own costs while on the exchange program.

Applicants:

- The Scholarship recipient must be between 18 and 30 years of age as of the 1st January 2017
- The scholarship recipient must be a financial member of Herefords Australia
- The scholarship recipient must have a current Australian passport. A photocopy of the passport must be provided to Herefords Australia prior to departure
- The scholarship recipient must obtain medical and travel insurance for the period of the exchange and must provide Herefords Australia with copies of their policy details prior to departure.

Declaration to Abide by the Conditions of Entry

I, _____ (applicant's name), agree to abide by the Conditions of Entry for the Herefords Australia Youth / New Zealand Exchange Program Scholarship.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Jacket Size: S M L XL XXL XXXL OTHER _____

Please return this declaration along with your cover letter and resume to Herefords Australia:

Post: Herefords Australia, NZ Youth Exchange, Locked Bag 7, Armidale NSW 2350

Email: kdavies@herefordsaustralia.com.au

Fax: (02) 6772 1399 (please call to confirm your fax has been received)

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Company & Industry Questions

Herefords Australia Company Questions:

1. How many Members does Herefords Australia have (Full, Commercial, Youth)?
2. How many active registered Hereford females are on the Herefords Australia database?
3. How many registrations does Herefords Australia produce annually?
4. Information on Herefords Australia Limited:
 - a. Office location
 - b. Staff numbers / Positions
 - c. Board of Directors / CEO
5. What is the current strategic focus for Herefords Australia?

Beef Industry Questions:

1. Australian Beef Herd:
 - a) What is the size of Australia's national beef herd?
 - b) Where are Australia's three biggest export destinations?
 - c) What is Australia's domestic beef consumption?
2. What do you identify as an emerging challenge to the Hereford breed and how would you address this?
3. Are there any benefits in being EU and/or MSA accredited?
4. Why is BREEDPLAN such a useful tool to both stud and commercial operations and how would you apply BREEDPLAN to your own operation?