Costa Avocado Horticulture Scholarship

1. Purpose
The purpose of the scholarship is to support School of Agriculture and Food Science second year students, enrolled in the Bachelor of Sustainable Agriculture degree and who are majoring in horticulture

2. Definitions
In these rules-

Head means the Head of School, School of Agriculture and Food Sciences

Relevant program means the Bachelor of Sustainable Agriculture;

Scholarship means the Costa Avocado Horticulture Scholarship.

3. Award and value of scholarship
(1) One scholarship will be awarded annually for two years on the recommendation of the Head
(2) The value of the scholarship is $5,000 for each year for which it is held.

4. Additional benefits of scholarship
(1) Costa Group may offer the recipient any of the following opportunities -
(a) vacation employment at any Costa Group site for any period during the period in which the recipient holds the scholarship, determined by Costa Group in consultation with the recipient.

5. Eligibility for award
An applicant is eligible for the scholarship, if the applicant –
(a) submits an application to the Head, by the closing date for applications; and
(b) is enrolled full-time in the second year of the relevant program; and
(c) does not hold another scholarship that the Head considers to be similar.
6. Selection of award

(1) For the selection process, the Head must establish a selection committee, comprising-

(a) the Head, or nominee, as chair of the committee; and
(b) one representative of Costa Group; and
(c) academic staff members who are currently teaching in the relevant program, with university staff comprising the majority.

(2) The scholarship is awarded to the applicant showing greatest merit as demonstrated by-

(a) academic achievement in courses undertaken during the first two semesters of the relevant program; and
(b) personal qualities, including: passion, sincerity, accountability, respect and determination and leadership potential; and
(c) strength of interest that the applicant demonstrates in completing at least one period of vacation employment at Costa Group; and
(d) any other matter that the selection committee considers to be relevant to the applicant’s future success in the horticulture profession.

(3) The selection committee may interview short-listed applicants.

- Costa also have the ability to access and view all applications should they wish to.

7. Conditions for scholarship

(1) The recipient may hold the scholarship for up to 2 years, subject to the recipient -

(a) continuing to be enrolled full-time in the relevant program; and
(b) achieving a GPA of at least 4 for each semester of study; and
(c) If a recipient fails to satisfy rule 7(1), the recipient must show cause to the Head, why the scholarship should not be cancelled.