Costa Berries Scholarship in Horticultural Science

1. Purpose
The purpose of the scholarship is to encourage and support meritorious students in their program who wish to have a career in horticulture and to develop relevant horticultural industry skills in the Far North Queensland community.

2. Definitions
In these rules –
Head means the Head of School, School of Agriculture and Food Sciences
Relevant program means the Bachelor of Agricultural Science; Bachelor of Agribusiness/Agricultural Science (dual program)
Field of Study means a specified major in Horticulture
Scholarship means the Costa Berries Scholarship in Horticultural Science
Minimum Completion time means the minimum time it currently takes to complete a program.

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. 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 first, second or third year of the relevant program in the relevant field of study; and
(c) does not hold another scholarship that the Head considers to be similar.

5. 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) overall academic achievement in courses in 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) Priority will be given to a student whose home address is Far North Queensland.
(4) Costa may interview short-listed applicants.

6. Conditions for scholarship
(1) The recipient may hold the scholarship for the minimum completion time of the approved program 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.

7. Termination of scholarship
The University may terminate a Scholarship -
(a) if the recipient does not show cause to the reasonable satisfaction of the University as provided for in rule 6(2); or
(b) if the student commits serious misconduct.