



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.