



The Matthew George Young Stockman Award

Award Criteria 2025



1.0 GENERAL CRITERIA

- a) Applications are open to individuals involved in the breeding and development of any breed of beef cattle within Australia who are wishing to undertake an overseas study tour with the aim of improving Australian beef cattle breeding practices.
- b) The Applicant must be an Australian citizen, currently residing in Australia and aged between 21 and 30 years of age, having turned 21 years prior to January 1st of the year of application or turning 30 years before December 31st of year of application.
- c) The Applicant must be able to demonstrate that they are a breeder or are working within the beef cattle industry and have a strong interest and long-term commitment to the Australian Beef Cattle industry.
- d) The Applicant must be able to demonstrate genuine not for profit (charitable) involvement undertaken in their community.
- e) Demonstrated involvement in Youth Cattle Training Camps and local agricultural shows would be considered highly advantageous.
- f) The Applicant must be financially and legally able to travel overseas or other applicable international destinations for a period of up to three months, within the nine-month period following acceptance of this Award.
- g) Tertiary Education is not a requirement of this Award. This Award cannot form part of an existing formal course of study/education or to gain higher academic qualifications.
- h) Award Recipients are expected to part fund the tour and would be required to take advantage of host provided hospitality and accommodation wherever possible.
- i) During the study tour the Award Recipient is expected to maintain a blog of their experiences covering all aspects of the tour. Any reports and papers become the property of the Matthew George Young Stockman Award and can only be reproduced with written permission.
- j) The Award Recipient must commit to not less than three (3) industry presentations (to be nominated by the Matthew George Young Stockman Award assessment panel and the Australian Beef Cattle industry in consideration of reasonable travel limits) within the twelve months following the study tour.
- k) Specific visitation plans and commitments from potential overseas hosts are not needed to be confirmed at the time of application as we will work with the Award Recipient to make these arrangements once the Award is finalised.
- l) Applications will be accepted from **12 May 2025**, to close of business **4 July 2025**. A separate Application must be submitted each year on the relevant Application Form. Late applications will not be considered.
- m) Award Recipients must be prepared to accept and sign an Award Offer and Agreement, and to take out personal travel illness and accident insurance.
- n) If, for any reason, the Award Recipient is unable to take up the offer within the study tour timeline they must notify the Matthew George Young Stockman Award as soon as they become aware to discuss the situation and so that appropriate actions can be undertaken to advise those involved, especially study tour hosts. In this situation it will be required that monies granted for the Award be returned to The Matthew George Young Stockman Award.

The Mathew George Young Stockman Award may, at its discretion, make an offer to another applicant.
- o) It is expected that the Award Recipient will act in an appropriate manner at all times during the Study Tour and will be a worthy and suitable ambassador for Australia, The Matthew George Young Stockman Award and the Australian Beef Cattle industry.

2.0 APPLICATIONS

- a) Applications must be made on the official Application Form.

- b) Applications must include:
- 1) Proof of age.
 - 2) Proof of current involvement in the Australian Beef Cattle industry.
 - 3) Three written references with referee contact details:
 - i. Professional referee
 - ii. Personal referee
 - iii. Industry referee.
 - 4) A written submission including:
 - i. Personal information and livestock industry experience and credentials. Also include your personal reasons for wishing to undertake this Award (maximum 300 words)
 - ii. Charitable and community work undertaken and planned (maximum 300 words)
 - iii. A detailed presentation on the field of study applied for, the purpose and details of the expected outcomes and the way in which these outcomes may influence breeding activities in Australia (maximum four typed pages plus optional illustrations).

3.0 TIMELINE

- a) The Study Tour must be concluded prior to September 30, 2025, where possible, and certainly within 12 months following the Award date.
- b) Reports: The blog, any written reports and papers are to be completed prior to December 31, 2025.

4.0 PURPOSE

In the written submission, applicants must:

- a) satisfy the Assessment Panel:
 - i. that you fulfil all aspects of the selection criteria
 - ii. that you wish to participate in this Award
 - iii. with what it means to you
 - iv. on what outcomes you would like to achieve, and
 - v. how you would then impart this knowledge to improve specific aspects of the Australian livestock industry.
- b) clearly articulate your involvement in your local community, how you participate, what you get out of this involvement and what this voluntary work does to contribute to the wellbeing of your community.

5.0 JUDGING

- a) All applications will be reviewed and rated by an Assessment Panel comprising selected individuals, a representative of the George family, beef industry and community members.
- b) In addition to the application, you may be requested to participate in a teleconference phone interview and / or attend (at your expense) a panel interview in person.
- c) The Assessment Panel will make its recommendations to the Board of The Ballarat Foundation for approval.
- d) The successful applicant(s) will then be offered the Award subject to acceptance, by the applicant, of the rules and conditions (broadly as described in this document) as laid out in the Agreement offered at that time.
- e) The successful applicant will be announced at the Royal Melbourne Show in September, each year.

All judging decisions as approved by The Ballarat Foundation Board are final and only subject to the Successful Applicant signing the Offer and Agreement. No disputes, challenges or correspondence will be entered into.

6.0 FUNDING

- a) Funding will be made at a fixed dollar amount of AU\$5,000 net which will be reviewed each year and will be indexed from time to time. The monetary Award is seen as a contribution to the overall costs of the trip, with the recipient contributing any additional funds required.
- b) The Matthew George Young Stockman Award and the Australian Beef Cattle industry will work with the Award Recipient to minimise costs of accommodation, meals and travel through industry hosts, wherever possible.
- c) Funding will be awarded prior to the commencement of the trip and is to be used and accounted for in line with the following guidelines.
- d) Purchase of goods or services directly related to the achievement of the approved study tour goals including:
 - 1) Air fares
 - 2) Travel, accommodation and meals (where not supported by hosts and where directly linked to the field of study undertaken)
 - 3) Passports and other necessary legal documentation
 - 4) Travel Insurance
- e) **What the funding cannot be used for:**
 - 1) Tourist activities
 - 2) Purchase of items for recipients own personal gain (i.e. Breeding related items, personal items, gifts)
 - 3) Salary or wages
 - 4) Items of a personal nature such as clothing and grooming.

7.0 RECORD OF EXPENDITURE

An expenditure record is to be kept, with receipts for amounts over AU\$50, and submitted to The Ballarat Foundation at the conclusion of the trip. This feedback will help assist the Award panel in setting funding levels for future years.

8.0 SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION

All applications are to be submitted via the online application form:

<https://www.ballaratfoundation.org.au/page/78/matthew-george-young-stockman-award>

Applications close at close of business 4 July 2025

9.0 CONTACT INFORMATION

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