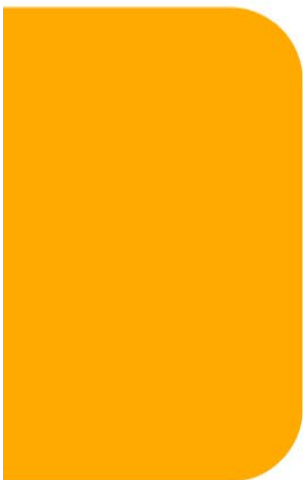


MATTHEW GEORGE YOUNG STOCKMAN AWARD GUIDELINES



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1 INTRODUCTION

This document describes the process to apply for a Matthew George Young Stockman Award through the Ballarat Foundation as part of their annual community grants program.

The Ballarat Foundation uses the grant management platform Good Grants to administer the grants program.

2 MATTHEW GEORGE YOUNG STOCKMAN AWARD

The Matthew George Young Stockman Award is provided as part of the annual Community Impact Grants to inspire positive community change, reduce disadvantage in the community, and improve social cohesion and connection.

The grant is available to any Australian citizen aged between 18 and 25 years involved in cattle breeding in Australia to go towards an overseas study tour with the aim of improving Australian beef breeding practices.

2.1 What the Award covers

The applicant is responsible for identifying where their study tour will take place and make all the planning arrangement for their trip. The Award can be used by the Applicant to contribute towards travel and other costs associated with the study tour. The study tour can be within any region, as long as the aim of the study tour is to help the Applicant improve their Australian beef breeding practices.

2.1.1 What types of costs will be funded

The following costs can be supported by the Award:

- Airfares
- Passport and visa costs
- Land travel costs
- Accommodation and meals directly linked to the tour where these costs are not supported by hosts
- Travel insurance

2.1.2 What types of costs will not be funded?

The Award cannot be used for:

- Tourist activities
- Subsidising an existing formal course of study overseas
- Purchase of items for the recipients' personal gain (e.g., breeding related equipment, gifts, clothes, purchases etc.)
- Offset salary or wages
- Accompanying persons (unless a dependent infant below 2 years of age)

2.2 Expectations of a Recipient

The Award is not expected to cover all costs associated with the study tour. The recipient will be required to contribute any additional costs required to support the tour. The applicant must be financially and legally able to travel overseas for a period of up to three months, within nine-months following acceptance of the Award.

The recipient will be expected to do their own planning and travel itinerary, although support will be provided by members of the Australian Beef Cattle industry to help the recipient identify potential industry hosts, wherever possible. An itinerary will not be needed as part of the Application.

During the study tour, the recipient will be expected to maintain a blog of their experience and what they have learned. The Ballarat Foundation must be given a free licence to use the material produced in this blog.

The Award recipient will be expected to act in an appropriate manner at all times during the study tour appropriate for an Ambassador of the Award, the Ballarat Foundation, and the Australian Beef Cattle industry.

2.3 Support provided by the Matthew George Young Stockman Award

Wherever possible, the Panel will assist the recipient with identifying possible hosts in the nominated region once the Award has been granted.

The panel will also aid in finalising any visitation plans and offering suggestions of locations, if needed.

3 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible for the Matthew George Young Stockman Award, you must be able to demonstrate you fulfil the eligibility criteria outlined in Table 1.

Table 1: Eligibility Criteria

Eligibility criteria	Means of verification
Must be an Australian citizen aged between 18 and 25 as of the 1 st January of the year of the application.	Photo identification
The applicant must be actively involved in cattle breeding in Australia and/or the beef cattle industry.	Signed declaration
Applicant must be involved in genuine not-for-profit (charitable) work in the community.	Signed declaration

Must be able to legally travel within 9 months of the Award	Signed declaration
Must be able to financial support themselves during travel	Signed declaration

4 AWARD LIMIT

The Matthew George Young Stockman Award is currently AUD\$5,000.

5 HOW TO APPLY

Your application must be submitted online through the platform “Good Grants”, where the form will guide you through the information required.

If you do not have an existing account with Good Grants, you will need to log in and establish an account. You can do this by visiting the Ballarat Foundation [website](#). Once you have reached the Good Grants site, click “register” on the top right of the screen and enter the necessary details.

Once you have verified your email, your account will be activated, and you will choose the grant you want to apply for.

In the application, you will first need to demonstrate your eligibility to apply.

You will then be asked to fill out some questions demonstrating you experience in the field, the aims of the study tour and your expected outcomes.

You can find the link to the applications on the Ballarat Foundation [website](#).

5.1 Number of applications

Applicants can only submit one Application in a year but can apply for an Award if you were unsuccessful in a previous year.

5.2 Assistance with applications

The Application form includes help information.

If you need more help with the Application (for example you find a mistake) after submission, but prior to the closing date, you can contact the Ballarat Foundation on info@ballaratfoundation.org.au

5.3 Timing of the Award process

You must submit your Application between the published opening and closing dates.

Below are the anticipated timeframes for the Matthew George Young Stockman Award.

Activity	Timeframes
Application period	Open: May 11 2026 Close: July 10 2026
Assessment of Applications	Anticipated up to August 2026
Notification to Applicants	Anticipated August 27 th 2026
Negotiation and award of grant agreements	Anticipated August 27 – October 3 rd
Activity commencement	Anticipated October onwards
End date	30 June 2027

5.4 Late applications

We will not accept late applications.

6 SELECTION CRITERIA

Applications will be assessed by a Panel made up of members of the Ballarat Foundation Board, Award members, and sector experts. The selection criteria are outlined in Table 2.

One of the keys to a successful Application will be providing the necessary information and evidence to meet the assessment criteria.

Shortlisted applicants may be required to have an interview with the Assessment Panel prior to Award.

Table 2: Selection criteria

Criteria	Weighting
Need and suitability <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The application clearly addresses how the initiative will help them improve their cattle breeding work The application adequately describes why this tour would be important to the Applicant The applicant has good references, both personal and professional, to support their application 	60%
Anticipated plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Applicant can describe where the tour will take place (although hosting details do not need to be provided) 	30%

- The Applicant can describe what outcomes they expect to achieve

Ability to disseminate learning

10%

- The applicant can demonstrate the thinking on how they will apply the lessons the learn on their return

7 POST ASSESSMENT

7.1 Who will approve the Award

The Board of the Ballarat Foundation approves the selection of grants based on recommendations from the Assessment Panel and availability of grant funds for the Mathew George Young Stockman Award.

There is no appeal mechanism for decisions to approve or not approve a grant.

7.2 Notification of application outcomes

Following the assessment process, applicants will be notified through good grants via email regarding whether their Application has been successful or not.

Unfortunately, individual feedback cannot be provided to unsuccessful applicants.

7.3 Grant Contracts for successful applicants

Successful applicants must enter into a grant contract with the Ballarat Foundation, which will set out the respective obligations of each party. Prior to doing this applicants must be aware that:

- If your plans change and you are unable to undertake your Study Tour, all Award monies must be returned.
- You acknowledge and agree that Ballarat Foundation may make any press or other announcement or release relating to the granting of funds to you without your prior written consent and prior to the grant contract being signed. You also agree that you will participate in any media events or promotions to be conducted if you are granted any funding.
- You acknowledge and agree that any personal information submitted as part of the application process may be used and disclosed for the purpose of making any press or other announcement or release relating to the grant of funds to you.
- In situations not covered by these conditions, or where there is ambiguity, the Ballarat Foundation reserves the right to exercise their discretion, and the decision of the Board of the Ballarat Foundation will be final.

7.4 Award payments

The Award will be paid as soon as the grant contract has been signed.

The grant will be paid via electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) into the bank account nominated by the applicant in the Application Form. No other payment options are available.

The payment will be made following the execution of the grant contract.

7.5 Award Period

The granting period will be around 12 months, with the study tour taking place within 9 months of the Award.

7.6 Award reporting

Successful applicants will be required to write a blog on their travels. This can be in any format the recipient feels comfortable using. The blog must be submitted to the Foundation within 30 days of return from the Study Tour.

7.7 Keeping us informed

You should let us know if anything is likely to affect your study tour, particularly issues that may affect your ability to complete your grant and/or study tour.

You must also inform us of any changes to your:

- a) name
- b) addresses
- c) nominated contact details
- d) bank account details.

If you become aware of a breach of the terms and conditions under the grant contract, you must contact us immediately.