

SCHOLARS COMMITMENT

You will:

- At all times remember that you are a representative of the East of England Agricultural Society, the Scholars Programme, and the UK farming industry and conduct yourself as such.
- Attend the Scholar Skills Day.
- Attend future Scholars Conferences for a period of 5 years.
- Mentor a minimum of one future EEAS Scholar.
- Present your learning outcomes at:
 - a. A future EEAS Scholars Conference.
 - b. To our members and council at their AGM.
 - c. One, local, non-EEAS meeting such as YFC, Round Table, or similar meeting.
- Commit to be(come) a member of the East of England Agricultural Society.
- Be actively involved in the East of England Agricultural Society which may include:
 - a. Attending events.
 - b. Joining a committee.
 - c. Encouraging others.
- Report via social media (video/pictorial/written) and one piece in written form.
- Engage with media such as radio, television, press, online.
- Take part in EEAS Blog/podcast.

We will provide you:

- Access and exposure to world-leading learning:
 - a. Fully / part-funded place at the conference, course, event, or learning experience.
 - b. Fully / part-funded travel and accommodation for the conference, course, event, or learning experience.
- Introduction to EEAS Scholar and wider East of England Agricultural Society networks / contacts.
- Lifelong scholar network of similarly-inspired individuals.
- Scholar mentoring programme to support your learning.
- Training in presenting and other essential Scholar Skills.
- Annual Scholars Conference highlighting the latest learning/advances.

Application process:

Application windows for funding through the EEAS Scholars Programme are open and considered three times a year by a dedicated Scholars Committee.

After each closing date, they will assess and score applications using a matrix.

Those that meet the criteria and objectives of the Scholars Programme who score highly will be invited to an interview with the Scholars Committee.

Their recommendations to award funding are then advised to the EEAS Board of Trustees, who have final approval.

Closing dates each year to submit fully completed application forms are **20th February, 20th June, 20th October.**

They should be submitted via email to **scholars@eastofengland.org.uk**

We would encourage you to take time and properly consider what you will write on your application form.

Any financial award granted will only be paid to the event/course provider and not to the individual applicant. This is for our audit purposes as a charity.

Applications for funding are up to £2000 or 80% of the cost, whichever is lower.

The EEAS Scholars Programme is administered by the East of England Agricultural Society, a registered charity who aims to promote agriculture and rural life in their region. There is an annual fund set aside for the Scholars Programme and applications may exceed the amount that is available.

We shall endeavour to come to a final decision as swiftly as possible following the closing date for applications and no later than 6 weeks after the closing date.

The decision of the Scholars Committee and the Board of Trustees is final.

Whilst they will endeavour to provide constructive feedback to unsuccessful applicants this is not guaranteed.

Eligibility

You must be or become a fully paid up member of the EEAS. Further more you agree to commit to the principals of being an EEAS Scholar as detailed in this information pack.

Up to two employees from corporate members may apply for funding.

You may apply as many times as you wish, though successful applicants awarded funding cannot re-apply for three years after their first award is granted.

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