



The Central Highlands Cotton Growers & Irrigators Association and Cotton Australia's Emerald Agricultural College Scholarships

The Central Highlands Cotton Growers & Irrigators Association (CHCG&IA) and Cotton Australia will offer two \$10,000 scholarships to students who enrol in the Australian Primary Industries Program, to commence studies in Semester 1 2016.

About the CHCG&IA

The CHCG&IA is a local industry group that represents growers/irrigators and associated businesses in agriculture in the Central Highlands. Membership is comprised of grower/ irrigator members who grow crops that include cotton, mungbeans, soybeans, sunflowers, chickpeas, wheat, grapes, melons, citrus. Associate members include product resellers, bankers, agronomists, consultants, contractors, ginners, merchants and researchers.

Membership is voluntary and the group is coordinated by volunteers. The CHCG&IA represent the industry by:

- o Promoting economically viable and environmentally sustainable growth in the industry
- o Promoting industry Best Practice and facilitating education opportunities for members
- o Providing a support network locally and representing members at a district, state and national level
- o Advocating "production, research, protection and advancement" of the local industry

About Cotton Australia

Cotton Australia is the peak body for Australia's cotton growing industry, supporting over 1500 cotton farming families in NSW and Queensland. We foster a world class agricultural industry that's sustainable, valued for its economic and social contributions and produces a top quality product in demand around the globe.

As part of our commitment to the cotton industry Cotton Australia seeks to ensure that it has access to a well-trained and motivated workforce.

As part of this commitment Cotton Australia is delighted to support scholarships to students enrolling in the Australian Primary Industries Program at the Emerald Agricultural College. Cotton Australia's contribution is part of the industry's commitment to education supported by the Cotton Catchments Communities Co-operative Research Centre's Legacy Fund.

Eligibility Criteria

The Scholarships shall be open to competition among candidates who:

- Are enrolled/enrolling in the Emerald Agricultural College (EAC) with the intention of completing the Australian Primary Industries Program
- Can demonstrate a clear interest in pursuing a career in irrigated or dryland farming
- Must be eligible to live, work, and study in Australia
- Have not received any other scholarship or bursary for their course

Application Procedures

1. All applications are to be made on the official application form (Application 2016 Scholarships). For the CHCG&IA and CA Scholarships only, applicants may alternatively prepare a short video (maximum 3 minutes in length) in lieu of completing the two page (maximum) application form.
2. Applicants are strongly advised to demonstrate interest or experience in row cropping / broad acre / irrigation farming.
3. Applications must be received by Queensland Agricultural Training Colleges via email, no later than 5pm Monday 30th November 2015 to enquiries@gatc.edu.au

Applications submitted after the due date or without the relevant documentation will not be considered. The applicant authorises the Selection Committee to verify any information provided by the applicant.

Selection Process

The award of the scholarship shall be made at the absolute discretion of the Selection Committee. Selection Committee will include;

- Cotton Australia Representative
 - Central Highlands Cotton Growers and Irrigators Association Representative
 - Emerald Agricultural College Representative
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- The selection committee reserves the right not to award a Scholarship in any year.
 - The selection committee's decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.
 - The selection committee will determine all matters relating to the Scholarship

Payment

Payment will be made direct to the Emerald Agricultural College as a credit to the scholarship holder's tuition account.

Ongoing Eligibility

If the recipient suspends or defers their study for more than six months, the scholarship sponsors reserve the right to suspend or cancel the scholarship funding.

Any suspension or deferment must be negotiated with the scholarship sponsors and EAC prior to the suspension.

Specific Conditions of the CHCG&IA and CA Scholarship

- Scholarship awardees acknowledge that they will be required for promotional events and publicity.
- The recipient must complete at least 7 days work experience within the cotton industry. Attendance at least one cotton industry event each year, eg: workshop, field day or conference.
- Regularly attend meetings and events organised by CHCG&IA.
- The recipient must be meeting the requirements of the course as determined by EAC.

More Information: Cotton Australia and CHCG&IA

Cotton Australia:

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CHCG&IA:

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