

DROUGHTMASTER

Research & Education Foundation Inc

Educational Bursaries
Beef Australia 2024 Experience

The Droughtmaster Research & Education Foundation Inc. (the Foundation) was established in 1998 as a vehicle through which funds could be raised and apportioned exclusively for the purpose of advancing the education and development of young people involved in the beef cattle industry, and to provide grants, bursaries and scholarships to young people pursuing studies and scientific research in this area.

The Foundation is awarding two bursaries to enable two young people to attend and actively participate in the exciting and innovative Beef Australia 2024 program.

Beef Australia is held every three years and showcases more than 4,000 head of commercial and stud beef cattle in addition to hosting educational seminars, conferences, trade displays and property tours. Held in Rockhampton Queensland, the event attracts several thousand visitors and participants from all parts of Australia and overseas.

Droughtmaster members and others who have a close association with the breed and a commitment to the beef cattle industry are encouraged to apply for a *Beef 2024 Experience* Bursary. Applicants must be under 25 years of age.

The bursary includes the cost of travel to and from Rockhampton (up to \$3,000); a five-day admission pass to Beef Australia; tickets to attend at least two Beef 2024 seminars; and \$1,000 discretionary funds to be used on Beef 2024 related activities.

During the *Beef 2024 Experience*, each successful applicant will be billeted with a Droughtmaster stud member family who will be exhibiting stud beef cattle at the event. The stud member family will be camping on-site and accommodation and meals, all of which will be provided to the successful applicant during the *Beef 2024 Experience*, will be 'camp style'. The stud member families involved are experienced cattle producers and long-term members of the Droughtmaster Society; hold a current blue card; and have members of their team/family that are under 25 years of age.

The *Beef 2024 Experience* will offer the opportunity to:

- Work with Droughtmaster stud masters as part of a team preparing and exhibiting stud beef cattle at the event.
- Observe and participate in commercial and stud beef cattle judging.

- Meet and engage with cattle breeders and others involved in the beef cattle industry.
- Participate in the activities specifically organised for and by Droughtmaster Next Gen members.
- Attend educational seminars on a range of topics relevant to the industry and the specific interests of the applicant.

The aim of the *Beef 2024 Experience* is to:

- Increase the recipient's knowledge of the beef cattle and associated industries.
- Develop the recipient's personal and industry relevant skills.
- Develop and consolidate relationships with others in the beef cattle industry.

Selection Criteria

- Applicants must be under 25 years of age (as of 1 May 2024).
- Applicants must be a junior stud or commercial member of the Droughtmaster Stud Breeders' Society, or have a strong association with the Droughtmaster breed such as:
 - Relatives who are members of the Droughtmaster Stud Breeders' Society and involvement with their operation
 - Works with Droughtmaster stud or commercial cattle on either a paid or voluntary basis
 - Enrolled in agricultural studies at a School or University that has or has had Droughtmaster cattle in the School or University program.
- A demonstrated commitment to the beef cattle industry and the Droughtmaster breed.
- Demonstrate benefit from attending Beef Australia 2024.
- Demonstrate how the assistance provided through the Foundation bursary will provide an opportunity for the applicant to attend in circumstances where the applicant would not have otherwise been able to do so.

How to Apply

To apply for one of the two bursaries that will be available to attend Beef Australia 2024, complete the *Beef Experience 2024* application form that can be located on the Droughtmaster website at www.droughtmaster.com.au. All applications will be considered and those that are shortlisted may be required to attend a teleconference interview with the Foundation selection panel.

Conditions of receiving a *Beef 2024 Experience* Bursary

- While at Beef 2024, each bursary recipient will be required to assist with the preparation and other facets associated with the care and exhibiting of Droughtmaster cattle at the event.
- While at Beef 2024, each bursary recipient will be required to attend and participate in the events held at the Droughtmaster Compound (trade display).
- Upon returning from the *Beef 2024 Experience*, each bursary recipient is required to prepare and submit a written report of their experience to the Foundation.

Reports may be considered for publication in the Droughtmaster Magazine and other Droughtmaster promotional mediums.

- The *Beef Experience 2024* bursaries must be used by the recipient at Beef Australia 2024 and cannot be deferred to another Beef Australia event or transferred to another individual.

For application submission and additional information contact:

Email: companysecretary@droughtmaster.com.au

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE
11:00pm (AEST), 29 FEBRUARY 2024**