

2012 Dairy Manufacturing Scholarship Program

Frequently Asked Questions

Q1. I am due to finish a bachelor degree in science, engineering, agriculture, food science or nutrition at an Australian University at the end of this year. Am I eligible to apply?

Yes. Students in the final year of study in a degree course in science, food science, engineering, food technology agriculture, nutrition or related disciplines are eligible to apply. If you have completed these degrees in the last past few years, you are also eligible to apply as long as you meet the other selection criteria.

Q2. I have completed or nearly completed a hospitality diploma at TAFE. Am I eligible to apply?

Yes. Students with food related diplomas can apply as long as they meet the other selection criteria.

Q3. I am an overseas student studying at an Australian University or TAFE College. Am I eligible to apply?

No. A key requirement is the person should be a permanent resident or citizen of Australia.

Q4. If I successfully complete the scholarship program, am I guaranteed a job in the dairy industry?

No. While the dairy manufacturing training will provide you with theory, practical and commercial manufacturing knowledge and skills relevant to dairy products manufacture, there is no guarantee of a job at the end of the scholarship training. This will largely depend on dairy companies requiring trained graduates and your suitability for the position. The dairy manufacturing scholarship training should, however, significantly enhance your chances of gaining employment in the dairy industry. The good news is that in 2011, more than 65% of the trained graduates got jobs with the dairy manufacturing companies within a few months of completing the training.

Q5. I am a food technology graduate working in the food industry. Am I eligible to apply?

Yes, as long as you meet all the selection criteria such as age and qualifications.

Q6. I am in the 3rd year of my four year degree course. Am I eligible to apply?

No. You are not eligible because you would not have completed the degree course by the end of 2011.

Q7. I am currently working for a dairy company. Am I eligible to apply?

No. A key criterion for this scholarship program is that the person should not be currently working for a dairy company.

Q8. I am planning to be on holidays during February–May 2012. Should I still apply?

No. A key requirement is that the successful candidate should be available for the training modules during February–May 2012. The dates for the training modules are locked in and this training cannot be rescheduled.

Q9. I have completed a TAFE diploma in food processing but I am not working in the food industry. Am I eligible to apply?

Yes, as long as you meet the other selection criteria.

Q10. I am not able to finalise my application by the due date for a number of reasons. Can I get an extension?

No. Unfortunately an extension of the closing date is not possible because of tight timelines on judging and finalising of applications. If the applicant is planning to be overseas or on leave during Oct - Dec 2011, it is best that the applicant submits the application before going overseas or before commencing leave.

Q11. I am in the final year of my degree course in science, engineering, and agriculture or food science. What documents should I attach to the application?

You need to attach your university transcripts/mark sheets for all years of study - showing the subjects and grades. Please check selection criteria and on-line application form.

Q12. I have 10 years working experience in the food industry but I do not have a degree or diploma. Am I eligible to apply?

No. The selection criteria clearly state that the applicants need to have completed a Diploma or degree by the end of 2011.

Q13. My employer won't give me a written reference. Can I still apply?

Yes. You can provide alternative written references from someone other than your immediate family who can endorse your enthusiasm and passion for the dairy industry. Academic references and personal references are accepted.

Q14. Will I have free time on the weekends during the scholarship training?

Yes. You will have some free time on selected weekends between placements. However, a part of the weekend may be required for travel to the next placement.

More information

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