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Tertiary scholarships program deadline extended

The NSW Farmers' Association is reminding all potential candidates for the 2008 Tertiary Scholarship program to get their applications in soon.

NSW Farmers' Association Rural Affairs Committee Chair Alan Brown says the deadline for the Association's scholarship program has been extended to 14 February 2008, due to a technical difficulty.

"Because of this, any applications submitted the Association's website before 9 January will need to be re-submitted, which we apologise for," Mr Brown said.

"The rewards for any successful applicant will make it worthwhile to submit an application," he said.

There are eight scholarships worth \$5000 each, including a new vocational scholarship.

"Given recent studies showing how expense can be a real barrier to rural students, the scholarships really are a great way to support young people from regional areas to assist them in furthering their education," Mr Brown said.

"Applicants will be judged on their academic record, leadership qualities, community involvement, communication skills and their commitment to making a lasting contribution to both agriculture and rural communities," he said.

Applications are open to Association members, or children of members, who are full time students in their second or subsequent year at a recognised tertiary institution.

"Either the applicant, their partner or their parents must have been full members of NSW Farmers' Association for at least the past two years," Mr Brown concluded.

Application forms are available from the Association's Member Service Centre on 1300 794 000 and on the website at www.nswfarmers.org.au. Winners will be announced at Annual Conference.

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