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GARDINER TERTIARY SCHOLARSHIPS 2012

Two scholarships of \$5,000 per year for the duration of a scholar's University or TAFE course

Scholarships play a vital role in supporting rural students who otherwise may not be able to pursue tertiary studies. The Gardiner Foundation is proud to offer tertiary scholarships in 2012 to two first year University or TAFE students from Victorian dairy communities.

The Gardiner Foundation's Tertiary Scholarships 2012 will support rural students who have strong potential to make an impact for the dairy industry and its communities. Successful scholars will receive \$5,000 per year of study in their approved course, subject to the Gardiner Foundation's terms and conditions.

Rural students often face much greater barriers to participation in higher education than their metropolitan counterparts. Many must move to a new city, which can cause significant financial anxiety for students and their families, as the cost of living independently is added to that of purchasing the required materials, equipment and books. Added to the financial anxieties are the challenges associated with adjusting to a demanding self-directed study regime, navigating around a new city, and developing new social and support networks.

Applications are invited from Australian citizens residing in rural Victorian dairy communities who are commencing their first year of full-time tertiary study in 2012 (University or TAFE). Details of eligibility criteria and assessment are available in the Gardiner Tertiary Scholarships 2012 Guidelines.

**Please visit www.gardinerfoundation.com.au for guidelines and application form.
Applications now open – closing at 5pm on Friday 2 December 2011.**

For more information about these scholarships, please contact Kate Randall, Program Manager, Community and People Development on (03) 9606 1919 or info@gardinerfoundation.com.au.

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