



RICEGROWERS' ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA INC

2010 Tertiary Scholarships Application

- **Greg Graham Memorial Scholarship**
- **Peter Connor Book Award**

The Ricegrowers' Association of Australia Inc was formed in the face of adversity in 1930 to unite the small group of pioneer rice growers into an effective and cohesive force. Today, the RGA is the collective voice of rice growers in Australia, representing over 1600 voluntary members.

The RGA represents growers on issues affecting the viability of their business and communities and works to ensure a profitable long term future for individual rice growers and their industry.

As part of this commitment to the industry's long term future, each year the RGA awards two scholarships to the children or grandchildren of RGA members to assist with their tertiary education costs.

The Greg Graham Memorial Scholarship

Greg Graham was president of the RGA when he died suddenly on New Years Day in 1983. Greg had served as Secretary of the Deniliquin Branch of the RGA, was Chairman of the Southern Riverina Irrigation Districts Council, a Councillor for the Shire of Murray and a Member of the Murray Region Development Board. He was also one of the driving forces behind the establishment of the NSW Irrigators' Council. Greg had a great admiration and confidence in the future of young people and this scholarship recognises the dedication, commitment and humility of this good man.

The Greg Graham Memorial Scholarship provides \$4,000 to assist with the costs of tertiary education. The RGA thanks the McCaughey Memorial Institute and Rice Research Australia for their sponsorship of this award.

The Peter Connor Book Award

Peter Connor was a leading rice grower in the Coleambally district and before his death in 1984, had served as Vice President of the Coleambally Branch and delegate to the RGA's Central Executive between 1975 and 1982. Peter was also a Director of the Ricegrowers' Cooperative Mills Ltd.

The Peter Connor Book Award provides \$1,300 to assist with the cost of books and course materials.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible to apply for the RGA's Tertiary Scholarships, you must be able to meet the following:

- * Applicants must be the children or grandchildren of current **financial** members of the RGA. (If not sure please ring the RGA Office on 02 6953 0433)
- * Applicants must be in their second or successive year of studying an **agricultural related course** at an Australian tertiary institution.
- * Applicants must be able to demonstrate a commitment to the rice industry.

Applications close on Wednesday, 13 January 2010

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EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:

Secondary School

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Post Secondary

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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION, WORK EXPERIENCE ETC:

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