



ACV/Norbrook “Bovine Champions” (Final year veterinary undergraduate student Award)

Background

The ACV Norbrook Student Award commenced in 2007 specifically for final year veterinary undergraduate students who demonstrate a desire and aptitude to a career in Australian cattle veterinary practice.

It is open to final year undergraduate students of an Australian Veterinary School who show potential for a career in rural (with a particular emphasis on cattle) practice.

To be eligible for the award students need to demonstrate their interest in cattle veterinary practice, an understanding of and empathy for rural communities as well as a genuine desire to build a career in Australian cattle (dairy or beef) practice upon graduation.

Criteria for 2010.

The Rural Practice Scholarship is open to final year undergraduate veterinary students at an Australian university.

Winners will be selected from the applications received by the due date from students of Australian universities B V Sc/BVMS graduating classes in 2010 (ie **in 2010 there will be 4 awards TOTAL**). This is different from previous years when there was 1 winner from each of University of Queensland, Sydney, Melbourne and Murdoch universities).

This award focuses on applicant's desire & potential capability for a career in cattle practice and while an academic transcript is requested as part of the application, **the emphasis of this award is not academic achievement.**

Applicants must be **current ACV student members**. Upon receipt of the applications, membership currency will be checked by the ACV office (as per AVA current member database). Applications from non ACV student members will not be eligible to be judged. Winners also need to be current 2011 ACV members (by the beginning of the 2011 conference.)

The award will assist the winners with the costs to attend the 2011 ACV conference and is not transferable (by the winner) either to another person or year. The award is not convertible to cash, nor other benefit. If a winner for any reason does not take the awarded prize in 2011, they forfeit the prize and ACV and the sponsor company reserve the right to award the prize to another eligible applicant should they chose to.

Previous winners of ACV Rural Practice Award (Part B) are not excluded from entering provided they are otherwise eligible.

The judging panel's decision is final and no correspondence or other communication about their decision will be entered into.

If four suitable applicants are not forthcoming in 2010 for the 2011 award, ACV and the sponsor company reserve the right to decide to award the prize to another ACV member, or to withdrawn all or part of the prize as they see fit.

Each prize will include

Registration including breakfast, other meals and dinners at the ACV conference the following year.

Accommodation maximum 4 nights (Wednesday to Saturday inclusive) near to the conference venue (this will be on a same sex, share basis with other young veterinarians.)

A contribution (normally up to \$500) towards travel to the conference. (This will normally be equivalent to the advance purchase (budget/ "red E" or similar) economy air fare from the nearest capital city to the conference.

Successful applicants are encouraged to book their flights at least 3 months prior to the conference and to contact the ACV office should the total fares exceed \$500.

Accommodation will be booked at the hotel for the nights of the conference by the ACV office. Winners **must** notify the ACV office of their arrival and departure times.

All arrangements for attendance need to be made by the winner (including flights, transfers etc and for arrangement of leave from their employment).

Winners are responsible for any or all other expenses incurred (eg telephone, minibar, laundry etc) before, during and after the conference. It is usual to be asked for a credit card guarantee on arrival at the hotel for this purpose.

HOW TO ENTER

Applications should include

1. the official entry form
2. response to the specific questions (1 page limit for sections one and two combined)
3. a brief CV which includes the applicant's experience/prac work in cattle practice and pre-clinical & other farm work,
4. details of university results to date (eg an academic transcript)
5. the names and addresses & telephone numbers of two referees (Of which at least one should be an rural veterinary practice where they have done prac work or rotation)

Applications close on 15 October 2010. No late entries will be accepted.

Send to: ACV Norbrook Award,, Building 3, 2404 Logan Road, Eight Mile Plains QLD 4113 or by email to Anne Cover as per address in the ACV journal.



**Entry Form for the Norbrook & Australian Cattle Veterinarians
“Bovine Champions”
(Final Year Veterinary Undergraduate Student) Award 2010.**

Your details

First Name Last Name

AVA Member NumberDate of expected Graduation

Which University are you currently enrolled at?

Your involvement with AVA, ACV, University BAG &/or other cattle related group (eg breed society)

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Address

TownPostcode

Email address

Your contact phone number daytime (can be message bank on mobile)

Alternative phone contact Name

Relationship Phone Number

The application

Please address the following in a legible handwritten written or computer generated response. Your responses to sections 1 & 2 of the application should **not exceed** 1 A4 page TOTAL in 11 point Arial single line spacing * (The application form, CV, transcript and referees details are additional to this 1 page response for sections 1&2).

*(*your response to section 1 & 2 should be only **1 page long in total** and cover your responses to both section 1 & 2, NOT 1 page for each of the two sections which is 2 pages total).*

Section 1. Briefly outline (either in bullet points or short answer responses)

- your experience with cattle medicine & cattle (both dairy and beef) to date
- your understanding of current Australian rural issues

Section 2. Please state

- your intentions for your first position following graduation
- possible future career paths & how you think winning this award will enhance your future career in cattle veterinary practice

Before submitting ensure that you have included

- The official entry form
- 1 page Total response to sections 1& 2
- CV which includes prac, preclinical and farm work
- Academic transcript
- Names of referees (2) – 1 of whom should be person at a rural practice where you have done veterinary practical work/ rotation

Send to ACV Norbrook Award, Building 3, 2404 Logan Road, Eight Mile Plains QLD 4113, fax to 07 34231503 or by email to Anne Cover anne@acv.com.au **before 15 October 2010.**

Judging

The judging panel will be comprise three persons, 2 selected by ACV executive or their nominee and 1 person nominated by the sponsor company.

Judges should not be a referee of any applicant that they might judge.

Judges should score the applications without consultation with other persons (including other judges or the applicant's referees) unless they obtain the express (written or emailed) permission of the ACV through the Executive Officer.

Judges should score the applications and rank them 1 up to 10 with 1 being the judge's most preferred applicant.

If upon return of the judges score sheets to ACV & consolidation of judge's rankings, there be no clear "first past the post" winners, the results will be adjudicated by the ACV executive or their nominee and referees may be contacted at this point.