**SQLD Rabo Client Council Conference Award**

In 2024, SQLD Rabo Client Council are proudly sponsoring one of the DAF Hermitage Schools Plant Science Competition’s Conference Awards, providing a senior high school student (in years 10,11 or 12) the opportunity to attend an agricultural/science industry conference within Australia (valued at $1000). This is an excellent opportunity for the Award recipient to gain confidence and skills in presenting, communicating and networking with professionals working in the field of science and agriculture, to discover various career options and to expand their knowledge of how science and agriculture is applied in sustainable food and fibre production in Australia and throughout the world.

**Applications close on Friday, 21 June 2024**

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

* Student must currently be in years 10, 11 or 12.
* Student must (1) be a participant of and submit an entry in the ‘Plant Science Project Awards’ section of the current DAF Hermitage Research Facility Schools Plant Science Competition, and (2) complete and submit this application form by the competition closing date.
* Students must travel to and from the conference with an accompanying parent/guardian/teacher and must be able to attend during the specified dates of the conference.

## PRIZE CONDITIONS

* Up to $1000 will be provided to assist the Award recipient (and accompanying adult) with conference registration fees, travel expenses, accommodation, and meals.
* Any extra costs incurred, over the $1000 Award value, will be at the recipient’s expense.
* Where possible, conference registration will be paid directly by DAF and the remaining funds (to the value of $1000) will be reimbursed to the student’s family upon conclusion of the conference and the issuing of receipts relating to expenses such as fuel, flights, bus tickets, motels, meals, etc. during travel.
* The Award recipient may be invited to participate in the conference program (e.g., ‘Poster Session’ or other sections) to speak about their competition project to national/international delegates including scientists, researchers and industry representatives.
* The Award recipient is required to provide written feedback (and photos if possible) to the Schools Plant Science Competition Coordinator, regarding their experience, within one month of returning from the conference.
* Should the successful Award recipient (and accompanying adult) not be able to attend the conference for any reason, the prize will be forfeited by that student and will be offered to the next deserving student.
* If possible, please attach a letter of recommendation (from a teacher/mentor) to support this application.
* Successful students will be notified via email in late July and will be publicly announced during the competition’s annual ‘Awards Day & Ag Science Expo’.
* This prize is not transferable or redeemable for cash.

## SQLD Rabo Client Council Conference Award application form

I have parental permission and wish to attend (please select one only):

[ ]  [**The Crawford Fund Annual Conference**](https://www.crawfordfund.org/events/2024-conference/) (to be held in Canberra, ACT) on **12-13 August 2024**

[ ]  [**EvokeAg 2025**](https://www.evokeag.com/evokeag-2025/) (to be held in Brisbane, Queensland) on **18-19 February 2025**

Applicant (student) details:

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| **NAME:** |  |
| **EMAIL ADDRESS:** |  |
| **CONTACT PHONE:** |  |
| **SCHOOL NAME:** |  |
| **CURRENT YEAR LEVEL:** |  |

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| **PARENT/GUARDIAN’S NAME:** |  |
| **PARENT/GUARDIAN’S EMAIL:** |  |
| **PARENT/GUARDIAN’S SIGNATURE:** |  |

Accompanying adult’s details (parent, teacher, other):

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| **NAME:** |  |
| **EMAIL ADDRESS:** |  |
| **CONTACT PHONE:** |  |
| **RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT:** |  |
| **SIGNATURE:** |  |

Applicant (student) please answer the following questions (please attach a separate page if you need more space).

***In your opinion, why is agriculture important to Australia’s future?***

***What do you see as a possible future role for you in the rural/agricultural science sector?***

***Why interests you about your chosen conference?***

***What do you hope to learn from attending this conference?***

[ ]  A signed letter of recommendation from the applicant’s teacher/mentor is attached to support this application.

## Privacy statement

To manage our Hermitage Research Facility Schools Plant Science Competition awards program, the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries collects your:

* Name
* Email address
* Telephone number
* Age and/or current year level
* School name and/or teacher’s name and contact information
* Written feedback (and photographs) submitted, as a requirement of the award acceptance
* Opinions and career aspirations
* Parent or guardian’s name, relationship to student, email address, telephone number and signature

We collect this information to communicate with you and your parent or guardian in order to organise and manage this Award being offered as part of the Hermitage Research Facility Schools Plant Science Competition (competitions).

Your information may be shared where necessary with Queensland Government staff, competition sponsors and assessors of applications.

Should your application be successful, you may also be asked for financial details of a parent or guardian in order to imburse, or re-imburse, you for any costs associated with the prize.

You may be invited to participate in publicity (social media; media; etc) to promote the competition. Your participation would be voluntary.

We will only use your information for necessary purposes which are directly related to the competition. Your personal information will not otherwise be used or disclosed unless authorised or required by law. For additional privacy information go to <https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/site-information/privacy>.