**Call for Applications**

**Scholarships for Agroforesters and Forest Growers**

**to attend Forestry Australia’s 2024 Symposium**

Are you a Forestry Australia member? (or willing to become one)

Would you like assistance to attend Forestry Australia’s 2024 Symposium?

Are you a farmer or small-scale forest grower?

Forestry Australia and the Forest Growers Committee are offering financial support to Australian farmers and small-scale forest growers to attend the 2024 Symposium in Ballarat, Vic. Forestry Australia, through the Growers Reserve Fund is offering up to 5 scholarships valued at up to $1,795 each for successful applicants.

**2024 Symposium**

Healthy and resilient forests for our future

**Date: Tuesday 29 – Thursday 31 October 2024**

Location: Mercure Ballarat Convention Centre

[www.forestryconference.com.au/](http://www.forestryconference.com.au/)

**What is on offer:**

* A maximum of 5 scholarships for farmers and small-scale forest growers to attend the 2024 Symposium.
* In the first instance, the scholarship will be applied to each successful applicant’s 2024 Symposium registration (Symposium registration valued at $795)
* If there is funding available and the successful applicant will travel over 150 kms to participate in the Symposium, the scholarship can be used to offset travel expenses i.e., flights, transfers, airport parking, with 50% payable on announcement and the balance payable once a final report and proof of Symposium related expenses has been received.
* The scholarship will be capped at up to $1,795 per successful applicant.

**Successful applicants will be required to:**

* Register and attend the 2024 Symposium
* Submit a 250-word post symposium report and a photo from the Symposium that may be published.

**Eligibility:**

* A current Forestry Australia member (or prepared to become one)
* Passionate about growing trees and forests in supporting sustainable and healthy communities, farms and rural landscapes.
* An active and enthusiastic forest grower who owns or manages tree as part of farm or small family-owned operation in Australia.
* Preference will be given to those applicants who have not received this scholarship to attend previous Forestry Australia conferences

**Applications close:** 9.00 am Monday 9th September 2024.

**Questions?** contact the Forestry Australia office on growers@forestry.org.au and we will be happy to help.

Scholarships for Forest Growers to attend the 2024 Forestry Australia Symposium

**Application Form**

**Forestry Australia member** **number**  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**I am an Australian citizen or permanent resident** Yes No

**I am a farmer and/or small-scale forest grower** Yes No

**Your distance (in km’s) to Ballarat, Vic** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**About you:**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| First name: |  | Last name: |  |
| Phone: |  | Email: |  |
| Your address: |  |
| Forest location (postcode) |  |

**About your trees:**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Type  | [ ]  native *or*  [ ]  plantation | Forest Type | [ ]  exotic *or* [ ]  native |
| Forest Type | [ ] Pine [ ]  Temperate [ ] Tropical/subtropical |
| Farm Forest Size |  |
| Species |  |
| Year Planted |  |
| Forest Purpose | [ ]  Commercial [ ]  Conservation [ ]  Landcare [ ]  Other |

**Please attach:**

1. In 200-words describe your ***forest growing experience*** including a brief outline on what you grow, the products and values you hope to realise and how your forests are managed.
2. A short (200-word) explanation of ***how you believe that attending the 2024 Symposium will assist you*** to grow/manage your forest and how in turn this will benefit Australia/the community/the environment etc.

**Please review and sign:**

*All the information given in this Scholarship application is factual and correct at the time of submission; I understand that incorrect information may render this application void. I understand that all decisions made by the Forest Grower and Symposium Committee in relation to the awarding of this or any other scholarship, prize or bursary are final and are not subject to appeal, review or petition.*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email your application form and attachments in one document to growers@forestry.org.au

 **Applications close:** 9.00 am Monday 6th September 2024.