



Application for the Peter Westblade Scholarship

Background to the Peter Westblade Scholarship

The Peter Westblade Scholarship honours the late Peter Westblade, who passed away in 2008, a true visionary of the sheep industry, epitomising compassion and devotion to a cause. Peter was passionate about breeding profitable sheep, a strong supporter of young people interested in agriculture and had a balanced approach to all things. His legacy lives strongly amongst those who had the fortune to know such a great person.

The Peter Westblade Scholarship has been developed in conjunction with the Peter Westblade Memorial Merino Challenge (PWMMC) which has been developed to assist Merino breeding operations make more informed decisions on their Merino genetics. The PWMMC has been deliberately designed to show the entrants in the Challenge and the wider sheep industry the genetic opportunities that exist for them to be more financially sustainable into the future.

Why does the Peter Westblade Scholarship exist?

The Peter Westblade Scholarship exists to promote the practical skills associated with the sheep and wool industry and aims to deliver hands on experience to young people aspiring for a career in this dynamic industry.

The Peter Westblade Scholarship is designed to:-

- Provide practical education and mentoring for young participants in the sheep and wool industry.
- Encourage young people into the sheep and wool industry demonstrating and showing opportunities and career pathways.
- Promote, demonstrate and adopt new technologies within the sheep and wool industry.

The Scope of the Peter Westblade Scholarship

The Peter Westblade Scholarship will provide

- Mentoring from industry innovators and leaders
- Involvement in sheep and wool industries largest commercial genetic trial
- Practical training appropriate to the skill set required in the sheep and wool industry
- Provide an opportunity to develop wider networks of key contact in the sheep and wool industry
- Travel opportunities
- Resource books
- Promotion, utilisation and adoption of new technologies
- Cash and in-kind support up to the value of \$10,000

Important Application Instructions

Selection Process

The Peter Westblade Scholarship application process is an important first step of the scholarship. It is important that you demonstrate initiative and commitment to a career in the sheep industry.

The written application is designed to give the interview panel an appreciation of who you are and what you aspire to do.

Important dates

Application open – 1st February 2012

Application closing date – application need to be received by **5:00pm Monday 20th February 2012**. They can be posted to Peter Westblade Scholarship, 288 Maimuru Road, YOUNG NSW 2594 or emailed to sallymartin777@gmail.com

Interviews – Monday 27th February 2012 – a short list of applicants will be contacted and interviews will be conducted either by phone or face to face depending on the applicants location.

Announcement of the successful applicant – The 2012 Peter Westblade Scholarship recipient will be announced at the Peter Westblade Memorial Merino Challenge (PWMMC) dinner in Temora on the evening of **Thursday 8th March, 2012**.

Selection Criteria

The Peter Westblade Scholarship aims to identifying, train and develop of the next generation of leaders amongst young men and women in the Australian sheep industry. The scholarship is looking for young people who meet the following criteria.

- Aged 18 to 30
- Have a passion for the sheep and wool industry
- Is someone who wants to make a difference (no matter how small)
- Is someone who sees a future in the sheep and wool industry

For future information

For further information contact

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Or

go to www.mosesandson.com.au



Peter Westblade Scholarship Application Form

Section 1 – Personal Details

Surname Name: _____ Given Name(s): _____

Home Address: _____ P/Code: _____

Postal Address (if different from above): _____ P/Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

Email: _____

Date of birth: _____ Gender: Male/Female (please circle)

Current employer or education institute: _____

Section 2 – Selection Criteria *(please answer the following selection criteria)*

- 2a. Why are you interested in applying for the Peter Westblade Scholarship? *(How do you see the Peter Westblade Scholarship benefiting you and your career aspirations?)*
- 2b. Briefly describe your experience in the sheep and wool industry.
- 2c. How can you demonstrate your commitment to the sheep industry?
- 2d. What are your career aspirations in the sheep industry?
- 2e. Is there a particular field/discipline within the sheep industry you are interested in pursuing?
- 2f. What is your vision for the sheep and wool industry?
- 2g. How can you demonstrate your leadership capacity?
- 2h. How would you like to utilise the 12 months of the Peter Westblade Scholarship?

Section 3 – Referee's (Please supply two referee's)

3a. Title _____ First Name: _____ Surname: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

3b. Title _____ First Name: _____ Surname: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Applicants signature: _____ Date: _____

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