



## SCF Student Scholarships

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With the completion of our Student Connect, Future Farmers program last year, SCF has been keen to continue supporting youth in Agriculture and to promote career opportunities.

This year students studying Agriculture at Mt Barker Community College and WA College of Agriculture, Denmark were asked to write a 500 – 1000-word essay answering the question ‘How to encourage more people from a non-agricultural background into the agriculture sector?’.

SCF Membership Officer, Samantha Cullen, recently attended the Denmark College of Agriculture graduation ceremony and presented the scholarship on behalf of the Board to Maddison Bryden-Dwyer (pictured above right). Maddison wrote a great response from a unique perspective, highlighting the diverse opportunities for employment available in the Ag sector. Mount Barker Community College recipients will be announced at the MBCC Awards Night later in December. SCF would like to congratulate our 2021 SCF scholarship recipients.



The scholarship is not a cash prize but is held by the relevant school to be distributed as they deem appropriate for the individual student. Scholarship funds can go towards things such as school fees and materials required to further a student’s Agricultural study. Dermot McCague (pictured right) was the recipient of the SCF Scholarship at MBCC last year and the school presented him with PPE appropriate to Agricultural work, including Mack boots, heated jacket, radio earmuffs, first aid kit and special markers. We are sure Dermot will get a lot of use from all these things in his day-to-day activities. Currently he is completing a heavy diesel mechanics apprenticeship with AFGRI in Gnowangerup. We wish him and all our scholarship recipients all the best with their future endeavours in the Agricultural industry.



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