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AGCAREERSTART Participant Application

2024 Practice Application

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| **First Name (as per birth certificate)** | **Surname** |
| **Preferred Name** |  |
| **Date of birth** |  |
| **Email** | **Phone number** |
| **Residential Address** | **Postal Address** |
| **Gender** | **Do you identify as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?**  Y/N/Prefer not to say |
| **Please list the details of an emergency contact:**  Full Name  Phone number  Email  Relationship to you | |
| **Do you have a disability, including any kind of physical or intellectual impediment?**  Y/N/Prefer not to say  **If yes, please provide details:**  *\*Please note, this will not impact your application to the program, it will just help us find a suitable placement. We highly encourage transparency to ensure your safety and enjoyment in the AgCAREERSTART program.* | |
| **Do you have any other kind of medical condition that may impact you on-farm?**  Y/N/Prefer not to say  **If yes, please provide details:** | |
| **Do you give consent for AgCAREERSTART to share this information with your potential Host employer?**  Disability (Y/N)  Medical Conditions (Y/N) | |
| **Are you from a non-English speaking background?**  Y/N | **Were you born outside of Australia?**  Y/N |
| **Do you have unrestricted rights to work in Australia?**  Y/N |  |
| **Do you have a driver's license?**  Yes – learners, Yes - Provisional, Yes – full, No – and don’t intend to, No - but will by the time of placement | **If Y, Is your license for a manual vehicle?** |
| **Do you have any ethical or cultural beliefs or concerns that we should be aware of when finding you a placement?**  Y/N | **If Y, please describe.** |
| **Do you have any special dietary requirements?**  Y/N | **If Y, please describe.** |
| **Please rate your exposure to agriculture:**  (1= no understanding/exposure, 3 = I learnt about it in school, 5 = spent some time on a working farm, 8 = I have been working in Agriculture (not full time), 10 = I have been working in agriculture full time for more than 6 months) | |
| **Have you looked for employment in agriculture in the past?**  Y/N | **If Y, please provide more detail** |
| **At this stage, how likely would you be to consider further study or employment in agriculture beyond your 2024 gap-year placement?**  (1=not at all, 10= extremely likely) | |
| **Please indicate your top four farm types from this list:**   * Grain * Cattle * Sheep * Dairy * Horticulture * Pork * Poultry * Cotton * Forestry * Cane * Viticulture * Aquaculture/Fisheries * Equine * Other specific (please provide example)   (Please understand that these preferences will ultimately determine which farm you are matched with in the program. Whilst we endeavour to find a placement for you that meets all of these criteria, please understand that we may have to sacrifice some of your desires due to the availability of placements. Be sure to clearly outline which of your preferences are most important to you in your Statement of Intent or Additional Comments section.) | |
| **Tell us more about your selections. Why have you chosen the above farm types?** | |
| **Where would you be happy to be offered a placement?**   * QLD * SA * WA * NT * NSW * TAS * VIC | |
| **Do either of these apply to your geographic preferences?**   * I am happy to work in a remote and/or isolated location * I would prefer to stay as close as possible to where I am currently living\*   \*Condition – You've selected to stay as close to home as possible. What is the maximum distance in KMs you would be willing to travel or move for your placement? | |
| **Do you have any experience living in rural or remote locations?**  Y/N | **If Y, please provide more detail.** |
| **Do you have any additional comments about the preferred location of your placement?**  eg. Desire to join local clubs, attend campdrafts, be near to coastal locations, accessibility of healthcare, etc. | |
| **Would you be willing to find your own accommodation if a farm placement did not include board?**  Y/N | |
| **Please let us know if you have other available accommodations such as family/friends in other locations.** | **Please list any specific requirements for accommodation.**  eg. I have a pet, I have horses, I’d like single-sex accommodation only, etc. |
| **I am:**   * A school leaver (ie. Completed high school in the 18 months prior to this application) * Other eligible applicant | |
| **What is your highest level of education?**   * Did not complete high school * High School * Vocational Training/Trade Qualification * Undergraduate degree * Postgraduate degree | |
| **Please list the secondary school you attended most.** | |
| **Do you have any of these specialist skills?**   * Intermediate to Advanced Horse Riding * Intermediate to Advanced Motorbike Riding * Intermediate to Advanced Quad Bike/Side-by-Side Riding * Ag or Non-ag Machinery Operations | |
| **Are you able to commence an on-farm role in Jan-March 2024?**  Y/N | **If N, please provide comments.** |
| **Do you know another applicant that you are you hoping to be placed near-to in the 2024 intake?**  Y/N | **If Y, please list their full name.** |
| **Please note that you are expected to complete a full 10-12 months on farm. Do you understand?**  Y/N | |
| **The 2024 intake may be required to attend an in person 4-day event at the end of January (dates TBC). Your travel and accommodation will be provided for this. Do you foresee any reason why you would not be able to attend?**  Y/N  If Y, please provide more detail. | |
| **How did you find out about this program?**   * Social Media * Google * Careers Expo * Referred by friend or family * Referred by teacher or careers counsellor * TV/Radio/Newspaper * Other (please list): | |
| **Is there anything else you would like to tell us?** | |

Statement of Intent

This Statement of Intent will be used by the AgCAREERSTART team and potential employers to assess your suitability for a place in the program.

**Your Statement of Intent can be in written or video form. It MUST be 800 words, or 5 minutes in length.**

Your Statement of Intent should have your full name clearly visible, either in the document or in the file name.

There are a couple of key points that you should try to address in your statement, including:

* Tell us about the kind of person you are. Why are you a great candidate for the program?
* What interests you about farm work or working in agriculture?
* What unique skills or experience do you have to offer (this includes transferrable skills)?
* Tell us about the type of farm or placement you see yourself in. Please refer to the website for tips on thinking about what type of farm would suit you.
* What are you looking to get out of an AgCAREERSTART placement?
* Tell us about your long-term goals!
* Talk about any relevant experience or exposure you have with agriculture or farming. Don’t worry if you don’t!

Other things to think about:

* The Statement of Intent is the primary method through which you will be assessed for a position in the program and will influence your ultimate placement.
* It is a professional document, please ensure attention to detail.
* Feel free to be as creative as you wish with your Statement.
* Remember that your potential Host Farmer will read this application.
* Being too specific in your desired farm type or farm location may inhibit your ability to be placed.
* Good applications demonstrate that you have researched and thought about what the AgCAREERSTART program can offer you.
* It’s ok if you don’t have agricultural experience. Tell us about your other transferrable skills, community involvement, or other activities that you think your Host Farmer might be interested to know.