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### **Scholarship to help build the agricultural industry into the future**

University students studying an agriculture associated degree are encouraged to apply for the Rob Ashman Memorial scholarship.

Hassad Australia and the South East Premium Wheat Growers' Association (SEPWA) have combined to support the next generation of agricultural leaders who will take up the challenge of farming in the future.

The Rob Ashman Memorial Scholarship is targeted at young people who are passionate about agriculture, with a keen interest in the future of agriculture and who are ready to expand their networks and learn new skills.

The scholarship is in honour of Rob Ashman who sadly took his life in 2015 after suffering from depression for many years. Rob managed properties for Hassad Australia within the Esperance Port Zone and was also an active member of SEPWA.

The scholarship is about capacity building in agriculture but also to raise awareness of dressing in rural Australia.

The scholarship supports students commencing or currently studying agriculture related fields at university.

The successful recipient will receive a bursary of \$3500 to assist with costs associated with studying.

They will also be required to do a week's work experience with SEPWA that will provide them with first-hand exposure to modern agricultural practices.

The scholarship recipient will be selected on the basis of their commitment to a career in agriculture, as well as their leadership potential and high school and university academic records.

It will be advantageous that the recipient is from the Esperance Port Zone (EPZ), or aspires to work in the EPZ in the future.

The scholarship is available for 12 months with the option to re-apply annually.

The Scholarship is now open, applications close on February 10, 2017.

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The full criteria and conditions of the scholarship are available on the SEPWA webpage ([www.sepwa.org.au](http://www.sepwa.org.au)).

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**Photo caption:** *Kim Packer from Hassad Australia, Cassidy Chambers and Sue Ashman. Cassidy was the inaugural winner of the scholarship in 2016.*

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