

Three Counties Agricultural Society Bursary in Memory of Joe Henson MBE



**Information &
Application Pack 2024**



Information

The Three Counties Agricultural Society is pleased to announce the launch of the 2024 bursary in memory of former Society President, Joe Henson MBE.

The bursary is an award of £1,000 per year, for up to 3 years, to support students studying a land-based subject, who are normally resident in either of the three counties of Gloucestershire, Herefordshire or Worcestershire.

Applicants can be studying at further, higher or post-graduate level, it can be a full or part time course. The applicants must be 18-25 years old at the start of their course. The course can be at any accredited college or university anywhere in the world.

Application Process

All applicants should complete the application form, giving full and detailed answers outlining why they wish to be considered for the bursary. The bursary is not means tested. Applicants should outline what they would use the bursary for and demonstrate how they have already shown commitment to a career in the land-based industries.

Applications are assessed by a panel and scored on their content. Where it is deemed necessary, shortlisted applicants will be asked to attend an interview with the Three Counties Bursary Board. Typically, the Society will award three bursaries per year, but this may vary, depending on the quality and quantity of the applications, with the Society reserving the right to not award any bursaries if the panel does not judge any of the applications to be of sufficient quality.

All bursary applications must be posted, with an accompanying letter to:

Mr David Prescott, Chief Executive.

Three Counties Agricultural Society

Three Counties Showground

Malvern

Worcestershire

WR13 6NW

Closing date is 30th September 2024

THREE COUNTIES AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Three Counties Agricultural Society Bursary in Memory of Joe Henson MBE **Terms and Conditions 2024**

Joe was instrumental in the foundation of the Rare Breeds Survival Trust (RBST) of which he became founder Chairman in 1973.

Joe was President of the Three Counties Agricultural Society in 2002 and it was through his vision that 'Rare Breeds Sunday' has become a feature of the Royal Three Counties Show.

Following Joe's death in October 2015, the Society has sought to provide a fitting tribute to his involvement with the Three Counties over many years and to also include our Society "Object" – "to promote agriculture, horticulture, arboriculture, apiculture, forestry, rural crafts and skills and conservation for the public benefit", for which this Bursary is the outcome.

Applications are invited from individuals for an annual bursary not exceeding £1,000 per annum towards costs incurred whilst studying. The following conditions apply:

1. Eligibility of Applicants

- a. To be a resident within the three counties of Gloucestershire, Herefordshire or Worcestershire for a minimum of 12 months prior to application. Not necessarily studying in the three counties.
- b. Applicants must be aged 18 to 25 years at the outset of the Bursary.
- c. Commencing, or continuing, a course of study where agriculture, horticulture, arboriculture, apiculture, forestry, rural crafts and skills and conservation, or related subjects form a major part of their course.
- d. The course of study can be full or part time and of Further, Higher or Post Graduate education level.
- e. Be accepted to take up a place of study at an educational institution.
- f. Applicants will be assessed on merit. No means test will be involved.

2. Financial limits of Bursary

Bursaries are limited to £1,000 per year of study, for a maximum of three years if the duration of the course is three years or more, and the student must make satisfactory progress. Grants will be made for up to three years, funds being released one year at a time, but students will be required to attend interviews by The Three Counties Bursary Board before being granted a bursary for continuing years of study, if requested.

3. Assessment

The assessment will be carried out by a panel from the Three Counties Bursary Board, whose decision shall be final.

If applicants are required to attend an interview they may be accompanied by a friend. References from existing or former places of education or employment will be an advantage and must be provided before the interview.

4. Key Dates

Applications must be received by 30th September 2024.

Interviews, if considered necessary, will be held during October.

Successful applicants will be informed as soon as possible thereafter.

Bursary awardees are required to provide evidence of enrolment on to their course each year before the award is released to them.

5. Reports

Successful applicants will be required to give an annual report of their course in writing to the Board of Trustees. The Three Counties Agricultural Society will have the right to publish this report.

Bursary awardees may be required to send a video clip to Three Counties for marketing for The Society as is reasonable.

6. The Three Counties Agricultural Society has the right to withdraw or amend the award at any time.
7. Successful applicants may be invited to attend Three Counties Agricultural Society Shows that occur during the year and be asked to take part in celebratory activities relating to the Bursary scheme.

Application Form

An electronic copy of this application form is available from info@threecounties.co.uk

The closing date for applications is 30th September annually.

Short listed applicants will be notified and potentially invited to attend an interview by the Bursary Selection Board. This will be held during the month of October.

All applications will be treated with the strictest confidence.

The decision of the interviewing panel is final. No correspondence will be entered into.

Please return your completed application to:

David Prescott - Chief Executive,

**The Three Counties Agricultural Society, Three Counties Showground, Malvern, Worcestershire.
WR13 6NW**

1. Full name of student:

2. Address: (All correspondence will be sent to this address)

3. Mobile number:

4. Email address:

5. Date of birth:

6. Schools and Colleges attended so far. If in full or part time employment, name of employer and job title:

7. Qualifications achieved so far:

8. Educational Institution you wish to attend and your progress so far towards securing a place:

9. If you are successful, what will you use the bursary for?

Please be specific in this section, fully explaining why you would use the bursary for this purpose. The Selection Board will be looking to see if you have a suitable plan for the bursary, what you would not be able to achieve without it.

10. Please provide as many of the following details to support your application as possible:

- Covering letter
- An up to date CV (on a separate piece of paper please)
- References: please provide 2 completed references e.g. A character reference from a school/college or an organisation you belong to. Please include an actual reference and not just the name of a referee.

11. Please tell us what you are most proud of so far? How could the bursary make a difference to you?
(1 side of A4 paper max)

Checklist

Please ensure that all aspects of the application process are completed before an application is submitted as failure to do so will result in the application being returned.

Please indicate below that you have completed and enclosed each of the following:

- Application Form Completed in Full
- Covering Letter
- CV
- Two completed references (not just names of referees)