

The Gregor Thomas Royan Lamb Bursary for Future Farmers

Gregor Lamb had a passionate commitment to agriculture. He was not from a farming background but from an early age knew where his future lay. He was working hard at school to take up a place at SRUC to study for the HND in Agriculture. Sadly, Gregor never had the opportunity to pursue his dream.

Gregor's family want Gregor's enthusiasm to benefit others and have generously provided the funding to set up a Bursary programme in Gregor's memory.

Applications are now invited from those students who are embarking on their Agriculture Higher Education career. A maximum of two years of bursary funding is available, with £1,000 paid each year. The award is made termly, direct into your bank account, and will depend on satisfactory engagement with your learning, achievement on units and progression to year two.

To be eligible you must be enrolled on either the HNC or year 1 of the HND/Degree in Agriculture. If you are HNC registered, a commitment to study the HND/Degree year 2 needs to be demonstrated at application. Please note to study year 2 you may be required to move campus.

Priority consideration will be given to applicants who are not from a farming background. Your application letter must demonstrate to the Awarding Committee how you have developed your agricultural knowledge and skills and why you are committed to a future in farming. Please remember to tell the Awarding Committee what you do in your spare time and how it demonstrates your commitment to agriculture (for example, membership of the Young Farmers; work experience and volunteering; keeping your own animals).

Please complete the following form and forward your letter for consideration to katie.cringan@sruc.ac.uk which sets out how you meet the above eligibility. The Awarding Committee will comprise the President of SRUCSA, a Head of the Agriculture, the Registrar and the Fees & Funding Officer. All shortlisted applications will be discussed with Gregor's family. Applications are anonymised when considered by the Awarding Committee and Gregor's family.

Please note the Awarding Committee's decision is final and the Committee reserves the right to award more than one Bursary if there are exceptional applicants, and not to award if there are no suitable applicants.

Your completed application must be received no later than

Friday 27th October 2023

Please read the following before making your application.

Gregor Lamb was an exceptional young man.

On 1st September 2015 our son and brother Gregor died tragically aged 16.

Ever since Gregor could communicate he was fixated with everything to do with agriculture and all that goes alongside it. Over the course of his short life he realised many of his dreams despite not being from an immediate farming background. He saved up his own money and bought his own sheep which he then went on to breed. He dipped into the world of business and financially supported his passion himself by selling on his lambs commercially and privately. He also had his own chickens and last year successfully reared chicks which had been incubated in a local authority school.

He showed his sheep and chickens at Strathaven Show, our local agricultural exposition and also took his sheep to Duns show and achieved a number of rosettes over the years. He was an active member of Avondale Young Farmers Club and along with his friend, won the Stock Judging Prize at Newmilns Show in Ayrshire in 2014, going onto be runners up in 2015. In 2015, he won the individual award himself, a real highlight.

Sadly however, his ultimate goal and dream, to study the HND in Agriculture with SRUC with the hopeful outcome of eventually working on and managing a farm of his own is not to be. Gregor was not the most enthusiastic about school but after visiting a SRUC open day, he realised that to fulfil his dream, he needed to apply himself and this he did achieving his potential in his National 5 examinations. He hoped to begin college in September 2016.

We would like to honour Gregor's commitment to the world of agriculture through this fund created in his memory. It seems a fitting way to remember a dedicated and passionate young man.

Ideally we would like to support students who do not necessarily come from a farming background but have shown and demonstrated true commitment and passion for agriculture, like Gregor. This is something we know for certain Gregor would have approved of.

Gillian, Douglas and Andrew Lamb

Gregor in his element at Duns Show 2014

You will find the link to apply [HERE](#)

