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19th September 2025



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Young Farmer Development Scholarship Central South Island

Are you a passionate young farmer in Otago or South Canterbury? This scholarship supports your growth in the sheep & beef sector through funding for training and development.

We're looking for individuals aged 18–35, with at least two years' experience in the industry, who are actively involved in the Central South Island sheep and beef sector. Finalists will be recognised for their commitment and potential, with one overall winner receiving financial support to pursue learning opportunities.

Applicants will be asked to outline their 5-year career plan, sector passion, future opportunities, strengths, development needs, and key moments in their farming journey. You'll also need to detail how you'd use the funding, including estimated costs.

Ongoing support includes mentorship from Farmer Council members, networking with rural professionals, and one in-person presentation to the Farmer Council.

What's Offered?

- ✓ Funding for learning and development
- ✓ Recognition of three finalists
- ✓ One overall winner awarded financial support
- ✓ Mentorship and networking with rural professionals

Eligibility Criteria

- ✓ Aged 18–35
- ✓ Actively involved/employed in the CSI sheep & beef sector
- ✓ Located in Otago or South Canterbury
- ✓ Minimum 2 years' experience in the industry

To apply or nominate a young farmer for funding, please email Dean Sinnamon at **dean.sinnamon@beeflambnz.com** to request an application form. Completed applications must be submitted by **5:00pm on Friday 19 September 2025**.

Application form

Beef + Lamb New Zealand Young Farmer Development Scholarship (CSI)



Full Name:

Contact Number:

Address:

Email:

Date of birth:

Applicants need to answer questions below:

What is your **career plan** for next 5 years? - Demonstrate long-term goals within the sector

What **makes you passionate** about the region's sheep & beef sector?

What **opportunities** do you see for yourself and the wider industry over the next 10 years?

What **skills or knowledge** do you need to develop to achieve your career goals?

Describe a **key moment or success** in your career on farm and why this reinforced your passion for the sector

**The purpose of this scholarship is to support your development and enable you to achieve your career goals.
Please specify what training programs you would like to put the funding towards including the cost of the program.**

Provide name and contact details of current employee (if applicable)

Provide name and contact details of a character referee who has good knowledge of your professional career and experiences

Return completed application form to Dean Sinnamon by 5.00pm, Friday 19 September 2025.
For more info email dean.sinnamon@beeflambnz.com or phone 027 433 9336.