



## **FRANCIS GREGORY FOUNDATION**

### **INFORMATION BROCHURE**

### ***Francis Gregory Foundation***

The Francis Gregory Foundation has been established by June Harvey, a direct descendent of Francis Gregory.

The Foundation's funds have been derived from the sale of the Gregory farm at Lardner in Gippsland, as selected by June's grandfather, Francis Gregory in 1875.

June herself would not have been able to attend university if it had not been for the Secondary Studentship Scheme in operation when she was young. Like many other farmers, her parents had assets, in their farm, however money was not readily available to meet the costs of university education, especially when this meant living away from home.

June's wish is to provide scholarships to Year 12 students, from families currently engaged in primary production, allowing them the opportunity to pursue undergraduate university studies that they may not otherwise be able to do.

### ***Francis Gregory***

Francis Gregory was born in London in 1835. He emigrated to Australia with his wife Harriet (nee HUSE) and their two young children on the ship the "Forest Right", arriving in Melbourne in January 1864.

After living in Melbourne for 11 years, he selected his land at Lardner. He was one of the first settlers in the district arriving at his selection in the spring of 1875.

By 1876 he had established the Lardner Butchery as a family business. He also conducted the Lardner Post Office, while at the same time clearing the dense forest from his land and developing it into a farm.

Francis died in 1896 and is buried in the Warragul Cemetery. He left a widow and 9 children. He was highly regarded in the district as a very hospitable man, a consummate businessman and one of whom it was said, never spoke a bad word about anyone.

His widow and family carried on the Butchery and Post Office until the early 1900's. The farm then became a mixed dairy and beef cattle property till the mid 1940's when it was set up as a working dairy farm. This continued until 2012 when the farm was sold and passed out of the Gregory family after 137 years.

## ***The Scholarship***

The Francis Gregory Foundation was established in 2012 to provide financial support to children of primary producers, to assist them to undertake University undergraduate education, by reducing financial barriers.

The Foundation will provide two scholarships of \$ 6000 per annum (for the duration of the undergraduate degree), to students whose main family income is derived from primary production. This amount will be paid, to the student, in two sums. The amount of \$ 3000 will be paid after confirmation of enrolment is received (and after census date) and the balance will be paid on commencement of Semester 2 (and after census date).

## ***Student Scholarship Eligibility***

Applications will be considered from students who meet the following requirements:

- are Australian citizens.
- are registered VCE students who achieve an ATAR score of greater than 80 and are between the ages of 17 and 20 years at January 1, 2023.
- are residents of **Victoria** in an FZ zone (as defined by Victorian Government Department of Planning and Community Development) and must reside on the land producing the family income.
- whose parents own and/or operate the property from which the main family income is derived. Please note applicants who are dependents of farm employees are not eligible for this scholarship.
- have demonstrated financial hardship in relation to pursuing University study.
- are proposing to accept a full-time undergraduate place at an Australian University in 2023.
- have their scholarship application submitted before the closing date.
- have their application endorsed by their school principal.

## ***Conditions of Scholarship***

The scholarship will be awarded with the following conditions:

- Each recipient must satisfactorily progress through their chosen undergraduate degree with the condition that every unit of study must be passed.
- Each recipient must remain as a full time student, unless there are exceptional circumstances preventing this. For the scholarship to continue, approval would need to be gained from the Trustees of the Foundation for changes to study plans.
- Each recipient will be required to meet with the Trustees of the Foundation, in a mutually accessible location, throughout each year of study. Semester payments of the scholarship will only be paid on receipt of a copy of previous semester results, with exception of semester one of year one. It is the recipient's responsibility to ensure their results are forwarded to the Foundation.

## ***Selection Criteria***

Selection of scholarship recipients will be managed by the Francis Gregory Foundation Scholarship Selection Panel and approved by the Trustees of the Francis Gregory Foundation.

Applications will be individually assessed with all applications treated in the strictest confidence.

The Francis Gregory Scholarship Selection Panel and Trustees will consider the following in selecting scholarship recipients:

- demonstrated commitment to achieving academic excellence.
- demonstrated leadership in their local community, for example, participation in community organisations, events, sporting clubs etc, volunteering and/or mentoring experience, sharing family roles and responsibilities, extra-curricular roles at school.
- managing or overcoming personal difficulties i.e. financial disadvantage, remoteness, loss of family member, cultural issues.

The Principal of the student's school must endorse the application by initialing each page of the application. In doing so he/she is stating that to the best of his/her knowledge the information provided by the student is true and correct.

## ***Frequently Asked Questions***

*How many scholarships will Francis Gregory Foundation offer?*

- In 2023, the Foundation plans to offer two scholarships of \$6000 each.

*Can I change my application after it has been submitted?*

- No. Submitted applications are final. Please check your application carefully before you submit it.

*How do I apply for the scholarship?*

- To apply, please carefully read all information. Applications can only be made on the form supplied. The application form will be available from either [www.francisgregory.org](http://www.francisgregory.org) or by request from [info@francisgregory.org.au](mailto:info@francisgregory.org.au) from October 1, 2022. Your emailed application must be received by 5.00 pm on January 6, 2023.

*Can I defer the scholarship if I defer my place at University?*

- No, it is not possible to defer the scholarship.

*I am currently taking a gap year. Can I still apply for a Francis Gregory Scholarship?*

- No, only current Year 12 students are eligible to apply for a Francis Gregory Scholarship.

*How does the Principal endorse my application?*

The Principal endorses your application by signing the final page of the application form.  
**Please ensure you complete your scholarship in time to obtain this signature.**

*I do not reside on the land which provides the family income. Am I still eligible to apply?*

A statutory declaration is required, outlining the reasons why you do not do not reside on the land providing family income. This is to be attached to and sent with your application.

## ***Key Dates***

January 6, 2023	Applications close
January 2023	Scholarship offered
March 31, 2023	Scholarship awarded

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