

Philip Laffer Royal Adelaide Wine Show Bursary

About the Bursary

The Royal Adelaide Wine Show, established in 1871, is the most prestigious wine show in Australia, featuring over 2,500 wines from over 300 wineries across the country. Wines are judged by a panel of esteemed judges from across Australia over four days, to determine medal and trophy winners.

The Royal Adelaide Wine Show Committee through the Royal Adelaide Show Society Foundation offers a Bursary program to support the South Australian Wine industry to continue to grow and prosper. The purpose of the funding is to support study pathways by providing a one-year \$5,000 Bursary to a student undertaking either undergraduate or post graduate studies in the field of viticulture or oenology at an Australian university.

The Philip Laffer Royal Adelaide Wine Show Bursary honours the contributions to the Society of Philip Laffer (AM). Philip maintained a passionate interest in education and research within the grape and wine sector throughout his career and continues his active involvement with the Society as an Honorary Councillor. This bursary reflects the importance that Philip and the Society places on creating pathways for further study and professional advancement.

Funding

A Bursary of up to \$5,000 for one year is available.

Eligibility Criteria

- Applicants must be an Australian citizen and resident in South Australia.
- Applicants must be over 18 years of age.
- Applicants must remain enrolled on a full-time basis.
- Applicants should demonstrate academic aptitude.
- Applicants should demonstrate how the Bursary will support their financial needs over a 12- month period.
- Applicants should demonstrate how they hope to contribute to the future of the Australian wine industry.
- Applicants identified would be available to attend and be actively involved in the Royal Adelaide Wine Show in 2026.
- Applicants must be willing to provide a progress report where they outline how the funds were spent and what outcomes have been achieved.

Selection Process

Selection will be based upon the applicant's abilities, achievements and motivation to succeed in their chosen career. The recipient will need to demonstrate competency in their study, career and interpersonal skills and will be expected to work within their chosen career while holding The Bursary.

The selection panel will appoint a recipient based on the applicant's ability to demonstrate how their knowledge, passion and achievements in their chosen career and study field will benefit the grape and wine community. A written application by the applicant must be submitted prior to the deadline. Finalists will then be selected and interviewed by the selection panel.

Application Form

Entries close Monday 26th January 2026.

Philip Laffer Royal Adelaide Wine Show Bursary *sponsored by Royal Adelaide Show Society Foundation* will be announced on Monday 23rd of February 2026.

The details in Section 1 and 2 below **must** be completed by the applicant.

Section 1

Name:	
Residential address:	
Postal address:	
Contact phone number:	
Email address:	
Date of birth:	

Are you an Australian citizen or permanent resident? Y/N

What is the name of the university and degree that you are currently or intend to be enrolled in and how long have you been enrolled?

Please provide a referee that can comment on your academic aptitude.

Name:	
Position:	
Phone:	
Email:	

Section 2

1. Please provide a personal statement which outlines your education, practical experience, special interests, and career plans. (500 words max)
2. Please describe why you are passionate about the grape and wine sector and or rural communities. (250 words max)
3. Outline briefly how you currently contribute to the wider Australian wine industry and or your local community. (250 words max)
4. Please describe how this Bursary will be used and the benefits to you personally. (As an attachment with 250 words max)

5. Please attach two letters of reference from personal referees that comment on your community involvement and or academic aptitude.

a. Referee 1:

i. Name:	
ii. Company:	
iii. Position:	
iv. Phone:	
v. Email:	

b. Referee 2:

i. Name:	
ii. Company:	
iii. Position:	
iv. Phone:	
v. Email:	

6. Please attach a current Curriculum Vitae.

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