



Australian Pecan Growers Association Inc.

DEANE STAHMANN SCHOLARSHIP

The Deane Stahmann scholarship was established in 2008 to provide Australian pecan growers and industry participants with the opportunity to attend the Texas Pecan Growers Short Course at Texas A & M University. The course gives access to extensive American research and expertise on the planning, establishment, management and marketing of pecans. The scholarship is offered biennially.

The winner of this scholarship will participate in the 5-day Texas Pecan Growers Short Course at the Texas A&M University. The course is held in the last week of January each year and covers such topics as:

- orchard site selection
- tree physiology
- cultivar selection
- orchard design and spacing
- planting & establishing pecan orchards
- fertilization
- weed and disease control
- crop load management
- tree pruning, thinning and hedging
- irrigation systems and scheduling
- storing and handling
- leaf tissue analysis
- cracking and shelling
- marketing and cost & return analysis.

Each scholarship comprises:

- Travel and accommodation to the value of AUD \$2000.00
- Course fees (currently US\$150.00)

The winner of this scholarship is asked to produce a short paper outlining observations and experiences for presentation at the Australian Pecan Growers Association Annual General Meeting and suitable for inclusion in the Australian Pecan Growers Association Newsletter/Website.

SPONSORS

Deane Stahmann is considered the “father” of the Australian pecan industry. He came to Australia from the family pecan farm in New Mexico, USA, in 1965 with the intention of creating the first commercial pecan operation in the Southern Hemisphere. He planted the first Pecan trees at Gatton in Queensland, and shortly after at the flagship property 'Trawalla' near Moree in New South Wales. At Trawalla more than 70,000 pecan trees were established on 1,800 acres of rich, alluvial soil on the Moree plain – production at that property now yields as much as 3,000 tonnes of nuts each year. The business he created “Stahmann Farms” encompasses the pecan farms and processing facilities for pecans and macadamias at Toowoomba.

In 2008 Deane Stahmann passed the baton of Stahmann Farms to new owners and what better way to commemorate his enormous contribution to the Australian pecan industry than the establishment of a scholarship which seeks to create the next generation of pecan growers and managers in Australia.

The Australian Pecan Growers Association is the national representative body for pecan growers and processors. The Association is committed to the future of the pecan industry in Australia. By supporting members to expand their knowledge and skill base through attendance at the Pecan Growers Short Course the Association will enhance the capacity of the industry to grow.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Applicants must:

- Be an Australian citizen or permanent resident
- Be a current member of the Australian Pecan Growers Association
- Currently own or manage a pecan orchard or work within the pecan industry or can demonstrate a strong intent to establish a pecan orchard
- Demonstrate a commitment to the pecan industry
- Demonstrate how they intend to apply the knowledge gained through the scholarship to benefit the pecan industry in Australia
- Be available to take up the scholarship by traveling to the United States and attending the course in the year it is offered

Applications will be considered from individuals, partners and farming families; for example two co-owners of a pecan orchard could apply to attend the same course. However only one scholarship will be awarded per application.

HOW TO APPLY

Complete the application form and provide a supporting letter addressing the eligibility criteria.

Your application should be posted to:

Deane Stahmann Scholarship, c/o Dawn Thornton, PO Box 265, Bowraville, NSW, 2449 or emailed to bellbowra@bordernet.com.au

Queries can be directed to Dawn Thornton at the above contact details or 02 6564 8747.

Closing date for applications: **31st July 2010**

The successful applicant (or their representative) must attend the APGA Annual General Meeting in August 2010 to be held in Northern New South Wales to receive the award of the scholarship.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The successful applicant is responsible for:

- Organising all travel and accommodation to the US and within the US
- Booking a place on the Texas Pecan Growers Short Course
- Obtaining appropriate travel insurance and visas
- Producing a short report outlining observations and experiences for submission to the Australian Pecan Growers Association.

The successful applicant agrees that the Australian Pecan Growers Association may publish the applicants name and course report in its newsletter and website and in media releases.

All applications will be assessed by the Deane Stahmann Scholarship Sub Committee of the Australian Pecan Growers Association. The decision of the Sub Committee will be final.

DEANE STAHMANN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Your Contact Details	
Name of Applicant 1	
Name of Applicant 2 (if applicable)	
Postal address	
Phone	
Mobile	
Fax	
Email	
Your Involvement in the pecan industry	
1. Date you joined Australian Pecan Growers Association	(dd/mm/yyyy)
2. Are you the owner or manager of a pecan orchard?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes – please complete 2.1, 2.2, 2.3 <input type="checkbox"/> No – please go to question 3
2.1 What is the location of the pecan orchard your own or manage?	
2.2 Number of producing trees	
2.3 Age of trees	
3. Do you work in the pecan industry?	Please describe the nature of your work. (Attach a brief CV if necessary)
<p>Please accept this form and accompanying letter as my application for the Deane Stahmann Scholarship. I have read and agree to the Terms and Conditions. I confirm all information I have submitted is complete and accurate.</p> <p>Signature: _____ Date: _____</p>	
<p>Please attach a letter to the completed application form addressing each of the eligibility criteria and detailing your suitability and desire to hold the Deane Stahmann Scholarship and how you will benefit from attendance at the Texan Pecan Growers Short Course</p>	