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Applications Open for 2023 Growing Leaders Scholarship

CBH Group, in partnership with the Grower Group Alliance (GGA) and Leadership WA, is pleased to announce the 2023 Growing Leaders Scholarship is now open for applications.

Scholarships valued at \$15,500 each will be provided to up to two successful applicants to take part in Leadership WA's 10-month Signature Leadership program.

One 2023 scholarship place has already been pre-allocated to Julie Freeman from Mullewa, a 2022 applicant, leaving one remaining 2023 vacancy for a suitable candidate.

The Signature Leadership Program brings together participants from across industries and sectors and will expand the pool of growers ready to take on leadership positions within the industry and even at CBH.

Program participants are given an insight into current and future issues affecting WA while building on their self-awareness, accountability, reflection, and resilience.

CBH Chief External Relations Officer Brianna Peake said the scholarship program is part of the co-operative's commitment to fostering leadership capacity within our regional communities.

"Having a pipeline of strong leaders is so important for our industry, communities and CBH," Ms Peake said.

"We have many capable and talented people in our industry and CBH is proud to support their leadership journey enabling them build capacity to give back to their community."

GGA Chief Executive Officer Rikki Foss said the Growing Leaders Scholarship program impacted WA's grain sector at a grassroots level but also had a ripple effect in regional communities.

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“In regional WA, leaders usually wear many hats in their community. Whilst this program targets leaders for the grains sector there are additional benefits flowing to other community groups where these leaders play a role,” Ms Foss said.

Leadership WA’s Chief Executive Officer Dominique Mecoy said the outcomes for the individuals that submerge themselves in the unparalleled Signature Leadership Program are countless.

“Developing individual leadership capability is one of the most powerful investments we can make towards contributing positive change within our State,” Ms Mecoy said.

“The past 12 months have brought considerable challenges, and the ever-changing nature of leadership means that humanity, diversity in collaboration, resilience, and courage are attributes needed in our leaders now more than ever before.

The Signature Leadership Program provides WA leaders with the environment to develop their authentic leadership skills.”.

This will be the sixth cohort of the scholarship program and is open to anyone involved in a grain growing enterprise in WA, who has demonstrated grower group and community involvement.

Applications opened on May 1, 2022 and close on 31 July 2022 for the 2023 Signature Leadership Program. To apply, visit <https://www.gga.org.au/activity/cbh-growing-leaders-scholarship/>

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Photo: Past Scholarship Alumni

Caption: Alumni of the Scholarship include Niki Curtis of Esperance, Jasmyn Allen from Yuna and Rebekah Burges of Meckering (2018), Julia Alvaro from Nokanning and Tracey Lefroy from Bindi Bindi (2019), Bronwyn Fox of Dandaragan and Debbie Gillam from Dongara (2020), and Lucy Hall from Arthur River, 2021. Alaina Smith from Kojaneerup South, and Ben Cripps from Northampton are currently undertaking the 2022 Program.