

Kent County Agricultural Society

Hooson Award for Career Development



The Hooson Award is a financial grant for anyone studying or working in agriculture or horticulture to attend a conference or seminar of their choice.

This award can be used to assist in the costs of attending a conference or an event with a programme of seminars which will assist in your career development through increased knowledge of your chosen field, networking or gaining an understanding of the wider aspects of your chosen industry. The successful applicant will receive up to £300 which can be used to assist with travel, accommodation, conference fees or any other suitable charge as agreed by the committee. Please note that this award can not be used for training purposes.

To qualify you should live in Kent (or your home address be in Kent if you are studying elsewhere in the country) and be under the age of 25 at time of application. We require a written submission explaining what you are studying or the area you are working in, which conference you would like to attend and how attending this conference will assist your future career development. Applications should be received at least 8 weeks prior to the conference. Applications will be considered by the committee, and applicants may be required to attend an interview before a final decision is made.

After the conference, a written report must be submitted within 4 weeks detailing the topics that were covered and the impact the conference will have on your studies or work. Successful applicants may also be invited to provide a presentation at a Kent County Agricultural Society Council meeting.

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This form can also be completed online <http://kentshowground.co.uk/our-charitable-objectives/>

APPLICATION FORM

Name

Address

..... Postcode.....

Email

Telephone.....

Do you live in Kent YES / NO* * Please delete as appropriate

If you are studying outside of Kent, please provide your home address:

..... Postcode.....

Age at time of application

What school/college do you currently attend? Please provide brief details (if appropriate):

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Please continue overleaf.

What is your current job role, place of work and chosen career? Please provide brief details (if appropriate):

What conference/event do you plan to attend?
Please provide details of the conference including dates, venue, cost and which topics the conference will cover:

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How would you use the funding provided and what would it be spent on?
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Please explain how attending this conference will impact on your studies or working life:
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Please return completed applications to Amy Marsh, Features & Competitions Co-ordinator either by email amy@kentshowground.co.uk or by post to Kent County Agricultural Society, Kent Showground, Detling, Maidstone, Kent ME14 3JF.

If you have any questions please contact Amy Marsh on the above details or on 01622 633061.

The Kent County Agricultural Society will contact applicants to let them know whether or not they have been successful. If applicants have not been successful, the Society will explain why and offer suggestions for future applications.