



THE WORLD FEDERATION OF ROSE SOCIETIES FRIENDS OF THE FEDERATION SCHOLARSHIP

Background

The WFRS Friends of the Federation was established in 2010 and now has 94 Friends. ***“There is nothing more special than the friendships made through a common love of the rose.”*** The love of the rose provided a reason to communicate across all humankind. Over this period, the Friends of the Federation have donated thousands of British Pounds, (Dollars and Euros) to the WFRS to assist in promoting the WFRS’ goals.

In recent years, the Friends of the Federation has discussed ideas where some of the contributions made could support specific worthy projects.

One potential project which seems to have universal appeal is to have a “WFRS Friends of the Federation Scholarship” (the Scholarship).

This Scholarship is accessible to young individuals who would like to improve their international knowledge of the rose whereby the individual could:

- Establish global contacts in the rose world.
- Become more involved in the sustainable management of their local and/or national Rose Societies and, potentially the WFRS.
- Encourage their long-term association with promoting and supporting the rose.
- Undertake research which could assist their rose related studies (if applicable).

The Scholarship is now available to individuals who are 35 years old or younger and, ideally, fall into the age range of 20 - 28.

Individual applicants could be:

- Students involved in a rose related horticulture course or research.
- Working in rose related jobs.
- Involved in the administration of rose related societies or community groups.

The Award Benefits

The award benefits could include full or partial financial support for registration and accommodation relating to:

- Attending a WFRS World or Regional Rose Convention or WFRS Conference.
- Attending a WFRS endorsed Rose Trial or Trials.
- Attending other appropriately endorsed events or activities considered worthy by the Scholarship Selection Committee.

Please note that while a Scholarship to cover most costs will be considered, the applicant's efforts to contribute, reduce costs or attract financial support from other sponsors or organisations will be appreciated. Travel expenses, such as air travel to attend an WFRS event, are not included as part of the Award.

The Application Process

Applications made by individuals must be supported by their National Rose Society and provide as much detail as possible on the reasons the Scholarship is being sought and the financial support required.

All applications must be in writing, in English, and forwarded to the Executive Director, WFRS, at least six months prior to the activity or event for which the Scholarship is being sought.

If necessary, the applicant and supporting Member Country will make themselves available for an online discussion with the Scholarship Selection Committee.

The Selection Committee

The Scholarship Selection Committee will comprise:

- The Chair will be the Chair of the WFRS Promotions Committee.
- A past President of the WFRS selected by the currently serving WFRS President.
- A member of the WFRS Executive as selected by the currently serving WFRS President.

Any member of the Committee who may have a conflict of interest (for example, be related to the applicant or be from the same country as the applicant) should remain impartial and, if they prefer, stand aside from the selection process and the WFRS President will determine a proxy to fill their place or places.

All correspondence and Selection Committee process will be managed by the WFRS Executive Director who will be a non-voting member of the Committee.

The recommendations of the Committee will be forwarded to the President and Treasurer for their joint approval.

All applicants will be informed if their Scholarship application was successful within two months of the application being received by the WFRS Executive Director.

The Award Recipient

The Award recipient must, having fulfilled their stated objectives as outlined in their application, prepare or produce the following:

- Provide at least one article for World Rose News and/or BAON on their experience and benefits of the Scholarship within six months of attending the activity or event for which the Scholarship was granted.
- Provide posts and/or a feature or features for the WFRS Facebook page and Instagram sites.
- Reference the benefits gained in their thesis or study reports (if they are a student).
- Meet any requirements as agreed with their supporting Member Country.
- Provide evidence of receipts for any costs incurred, if required by the WFRS.

Other Information

The applicant's supporting Member Country, and the event/activity host may choose to provide the applicant with some financial support/discounts to help share the financial burden of the total costs being sought. These arrangements may be pursued or promoted by the WFRS Executive Director at their discretion.

More than one Scholarship may be supported and granted in any one calendar year.

The WFRS Executive Committee may choose to establish a limit for Scholarship expenditure for each calendar year based on advice from the Chair of the WFRS Promotions Committee, WFRS Treasurer and Executive Director.

Review of Scholarship

The initial guidelines/protocols established for the WFRS Friends of the Federation Scholarship will be reviewed after its initial three years to ascertain whether the guidelines require any amendments or whether the Scholarship should be terminated, depending on the perceived success of the Scholarship and financial position of the WFRS.

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