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MINTRAC Scholarship Program

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MINTRAC Families/Undergraduate scholarship 2003–2005

Sponsor: Cargill Beef Australia

Qualification: Bachelor of Business

Tertiary Institution: Charles Sturt University

The scholarship

Becoming a recipient of the MINTRAC scholarship grant in 2003 provided considerable assistance to me in the course of completing my studies. Being involved in the program has meant that employment has been available to me even in periods of downturn. At times, employment was only available for me due to my involvement in the program. This has afforded me substantial financial assistance. The fact that my university course was funded through the scholarship has given me a substantial head start over my university colleagues in my formative professional years. This is an advantage for which I am immensely grateful.

The qualification

During my time at university I was able to experience a wide range of personal benefits. These come entirely as a result of undertaking the studies and will shape the rest of my life both professional and otherwise. I now hold a Bachelor of Commerce – a qualification that promises to provide me with employment and promotional opportunities throughout my life. With this has also come a sense of accomplishment and, to a certain extent, a feeling of esteem that comes through higher learning. I have also had the opportunity to develop certain qualities and also various life skills, including work ethic and time management.

Benefits to the meat industry

The meat industry, as a result of my study, will gain a graduate with the grounding to contribute to organisational objectives and create organisational solutions. It is possible to say that accounting information is the most valued departmental output in business. As a result of my studies another qualified graduate is at the disposal of the meat industry. I will be able to contribute to the bottom line both through process accounting techniques and compliance accounting as well as financial management.

The future

For now, I have entered the private accounting sector. The many great opportunities that the meat industry affords, together with my strong desire to become involved in large-scale operations made the meat industry my first choice in post-university employment. Unfortunately, for reasons relating to family, I was unable to confirm a position with my sponsor company and have therefore sought out alternative graduate options. However, in the future once I have achieved the goals I have set in my current employment, I hope to return to the meat industry, bringing with me my industry and accounting experience.



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