



NUFFIELD  
Farming Scholarships

**THE NUFFIELD FARMING FRANK ARDEN LEADERSHIP AWARD**  
**Annual Award - 2026**

**Introduction.** The Nuffield Farming Frank Arden Leadership Award is in memory of Frank Arden CBE (1915-1979) a farming icon, with an inquisitive and generous spirit. His daughter, Meryl Ward, is a 2007 Honorary Nuffield Scholar.

The Nuffield Farming Scholarships Trust's aim is to bring positive change to agriculture through the development of its future leaders and the purpose of this Award is to promote the personal development of a Nuffield Farming Scholar toward a wider leadership role within British Agriculture.

**Eligibility.** Nuffield Farming Scholars who are resident in the UK and are looking to expand their leadership horizons. Past winners are not eligible to re-apply.

**Selection Criteria.** The award will be presented to a Nuffield Farming Scholar who can demonstrate:

- What you have achieved since completing your Nuffield Farming Scholarship.
- How you see your personal development benefitting from attending a Windsor Leadership Programme.
- Your explanation of the choice of level of the Windsor Leadership Programme as justified by your current roles and experience.
- How you see your career, business and/or charity benefitting from attendance.
- How the wider Industry may benefit from your attendance.

**Prize for the 2026 Nuffield Farming Frank Arden Leadership Award.** This award provides a fully financed place on a Windsor Leadership programme. Also, the opportunity to join the Farmers Club Charitable Trust Professional Forum. This is open to any agriculturalist who has completed a Windsor Leadership programme, and they meet virtually once a year and F2F once a year.

**Selection Process.**

- The Alumni will be invited to apply for the Award or to nominate a deserving individual via the Nuffield Farming newsletter and social media.
- In the first instance expressions of interest will be requested. Claire Laidler from the Nuffield office will reply with the Award requirements and the Windsor Leadership course prospectus.
- These will be followed by a full 'letter of application or nomination' covering no more than one page of A4 (550 words) to be submitted by the closing date.
- The Nuffield Farming Selection Committee will review applications to short list for interview in August 2026.
- Successful interviews of those shortlisted to take place during the new Scholar interviews in London between 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2026.
- The winner will be announced at or in connection with the Nuffield Farming Conference.

- First attendance by a successful applicant at a Windsor Leadership Programme will be dependent on the chosen course. Potentially this will be between February – December 2027 in two parts.

### **Windsor Leadership Course Application.**

- We require all those who apply for the award, regardless of final selection, to complete and submit the Windsor Leadership application form. Claire will forward the link to the form once it is live.
- You should receive the 2027 dates and a prospectus by email giving full details of the different courses.
- Page 4 of the application form requires 'Financial Details'. Please can you enter the following:  
Finance Contact Name: Claire Laidler.  
Organisation to Invoice: Nuffield Farming Scholarships Trust.  
Purchase Order No: Not required, leave blank.  
Invoice Address: (Please add this note at the top) This course will only go ahead if I am awarded the Nuffield Farming Frank Arden Leadership award.  
Bullbrook, West Charlton, Charlton Mackrell, Somerset, TA11 7AL.  
Finance Contact Email: [office@nuffieldscholar.org](mailto:office@nuffieldscholar.org)  
Finance Contact Phone No: 07833904778  
The remaining parts relate to you.

### **Timeline.**

- Invitations to apply: Beginning of March
- Closing date for applications: 31 July.
- Shortlisting: August.
- Interviews: These will take place in person<sup>1</sup> at Saffery, 71 Queen Victoria Street, London EC4V 4BE between 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> October.
- Announcement of the Winner: The winner of the 2026 Award will be informed by end of October and the Award will be presented during the 2026 Nuffield Farming Conference in Leeds during 19 and 20 November.

**Coordination.** All expressions of interest and applications or nomination will be made to Claire Laidler at the Nuffield Farming Office by email [office@nuffieldscholar.org](mailto:office@nuffieldscholar.org) . All such communications will be acknowledged.

4 February 2026

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<sup>1</sup> In exceptional circumstances this will be by Teams.