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The RSBAA Kick Start Fund

The RSBAA is pleased to announce the launch of the Kick Start Fund, which will annually award up to three bursaries of £1000. The bursary is for an individual from the RSBAA area who has the vision to initiate a positive change in local farming or food production.

Open to all RSBAA members, their families and includes those working in their business, the RSBAA Kick Start bursary can be used for domestic and international travel to attend conferences or to gather new knowledge and experiences. It could also be used towards start-up costs for a new enterprise.

The RSBAA wants to inspire you to apply your ingenuity and forge positive change. Your ability to think differently will be looked upon favourably and all ideas that could lead to positive change will be considered.

A successful applicant will need to clearly demonstrate:

- How the bursary will be used
- How their proposal will lead to positive change to farming or food production
- Any other sources of funding being received.

Recipients will be expected to share their findings in a short report (Approx. 3000 words) or as agreed with the RSBAA. They will be ambassadors of the RSBAA and farming in general and encouraged to share and enthuse others across the industry.

The RSBAA would like to acknowledge the Leonard family who have initiated this Fund and we encourage others to consider making donations to help us maintain and grow this opportunity.

The Process:

1. Please submit your initial application by 16th August 2023
2. The best applicants will be offered an interview with officers of the Association. (before 04th October 2023)
3. Funding will be awarded by the RSBAA (terms and conditions may apply) The project may start immediately but must be completed by 02nd October 2024
4. If successful, your presentation may be published on the website and, if we feel it is appropriate, you may be asked to make a brief speech at the Association's ploughing match luncheon. You may also be asked to present at another RSBAA event.

To apply, please email secretary@rsbaa.com and set out the following:

The Application:

Basic Info – Name / DOB / Address / Occupation / Employer / Education / Contacts / etc.

1. About the applicant (Max 500 words) Tell us about yourself your role and activities in the community, your ambitions and any other information that will help further your application.
 1. What is the applicant's link to the RSBA?
2. Outline the proposed use of funding (Max 500 words)
 1. What is the idea?
 2. How would the funding be spent?
 3. What do you need to make it happen?
 4. Why do you think it will be successful?
3. How will your proposal benefits you and the farming industry (Max 300 words)
4. How will you share your findings beyond the RSBA?
5. Please provide two referees who are RSBA Members
You may wish to support your application with a three-minute video but this is not compulsory.