



RABDF Farm Health Management Awards 2024 Sponsored by Volac

Application Form

Please complete and return this form to ambermckay@rabdf.co.uk by **8th December 2023**

NAME OF COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY/ VET SCHOOL
(please circle) _____

LECTURER'S CONTACT NAME: _____ **(PLEASE PRINT)**

POSITION: _____

TELEPHONE NO: _____

EMAIL: _____

FULL NAME OF STUDENT: _____

*** CONTACT ADDRESS:** _____

*** TELEPHONE NO:** _____

*** EMAIL:** _____

*** MOBILE NO:** _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

** Please supply contact details where student can be contacted.*

**PLEASE REMEMBER: EACH ESSAY MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN APPLICATION FORM
AND RECEIVED BY RABDF NO LATER THAN **8TH DECEMBER 2023.****

SIGNED: _____
(Lecturer)

TITLE: _____

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Outline of the competition rules and deadlines for veterinary students

1. This year's RABDF Farm Health Management Award has three categories:
 - students studying at agricultural colleges,
 - those studying agriculture, animal science and related biosciences at university,
 - students at vet schools,
from any course year.
2. The competition will take the form of an essay of not more than 1500 words.
3. Remit for the essay:

Proactive farm health planning and management is a key element of the Defra/industry Animal Health and Welfare Strategy. It has been demonstrated that a proactive approach to health management brings benefits to animal health and welfare and farm business profitability.

The author is invited to:

- Demonstrate an understanding of the costs of disease and the financial impact of disease on business performance
 - Demonstrate an understanding of the impact of good nutrition on the health and welfare of the animal
 - Consider the environmental effects of disease and the likely impact on the quality of meat and milk being produced for human consumption
 - Comment on the importance of collaboration between farm staff and veterinary and other advisers in formulating health management plans
 - Consider the sectoral differences and how one sector might learn from another.
 - In the light of your experience, and as part of your response, give a brief example from any species sector, e.g. dairy, beef and sheep, pigs, poultry, of an approach that has been successful.
4. Selection of the submitted essays rests entirely with each College, University or Vet School concerned. Please send the best two or three essays with completed application forms to the RABDF to arrive no later than **8th December 2023**.
 5. Judging of the essays will be undertaken by a panel chosen from RABDF. There will be three winning essays; one by an agricultural university student, one by an agricultural college student and one by a veterinary student.
 6. Six finalists (two from each category) will be announced the week commencing the 11th January 2024. The winner will be announced at Dairy-Tech 2023 on 7th February.

7. The winning students will receive an award and a £500 cash prize.
8. Please send all entries electronically. Hard copy entries sent in the post may not be counted.
9. It is the entrant's responsibility to ensure that all the necessary permissions are obtained from people featured or discussed in an article.
10. The Sponsor, the FHP Partnership and the RABDF reserve the right to publicly display all entries and to publish any images or entries to promote Farm Health Planning, the RABDF, the Sponsor and/or the competition.
11. The judges' decision will be final and no correspondence can be entered into.
12. By entering, entrants will be deemed to have agreed to be bound by these rules.

Amber McKay
Coordinator of the Farm Health Management Awards