



Conditions of Entry

1. The Award is open to those who are permanent residents of Australia or New Zealand. Any queries regarding eligibility should be referred to the Rural Ambassador Coordinator at the Royal Agricultural Society of your Nation/ State/ Territory.
2. Competitors must be aged over 20 and under 30 years of age as of the 1st May of the year of their Nation/ State/ Territory Final.
3. Competitors must be permanent residents of Australia or New Zealand who reside within their nominated Nation/ State/ Territory for the last three months, or if resident near a State/ Territory border can show they are an active working member of their nominating Agricultural Show Society.
4. Staff and Councillors of the RAS (Royal Agricultural Society of the respective state) and children of the staff of the RAS and Agricultural Societies State Body are eligible to enter provided that: Councillors, Executive Staff and Staff declare any pecuniary interest; and Councillors, Executive Staff and Staff not to be involved in any discussion regarding the result during the period of the Competition.
5. Competitors must be nominated by a local Agricultural Show Society prior to lodgement of their Entry Form.
6. Tertiary qualifications are not a prerequisite for the Rural Ambassador Award and will not influence the selection process.
7. National Finalists may be required to spend up to four days at the Host Royal Show and therefore will need to obtain a leave of absence from their place of work or education for this time. The inability to attend the show on all four days may result in disqualification.
 - a. If a national finalist is aware in advance that they cannot attend all of the National Rural Ambassador Award Program, then that finalist will forfeit the opportunity to compete, and the state they are representing reserves the right to send an alternate. Ideally, this person will be the runner-up at the same state final.
 - b. If a National Finalist fails to attend all of the National Rural Ambassador Award Program and it is not reasonably possible for the state to send an alternate to compete (i.e. the program has already commenced, or notice is too late for the host to alter bookings) this person is ineligible to place in the award.
 - c. If throughout the National Rural Ambassador Award Program, a national finalist is subject to an illness or misadventure that are caused by circumstances beyond the competitor's control, that means they miss a small portion of the program, then reasonable adjustments may be made to allow their continuation in the program.
8. All entrants are to abide by Agricultural Shows Australia's Code of Conduct for Competitions. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.
9. Entries must include a completed online entry form, a recent photograph, a cover letter and resume. Failure to provide all the above documentation will deem the entry invalid.
10. Competitors should be actively involved, or demonstrate a readiness to become actively involved, in their local Agricultural Show Society. They should also be knowledgeable about current rural issues pertaining to their local area, Nation/ State/ Territory, and country, and have a strong affiliation towards agriculture.



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11. Prizes awarded to the National Rural Ambassador are not transferable and must be utilised within twenty-four months of being awarded. This date is taken as being the date of the Award Presentation during the Hosting Royal Show. All prizes are subject to change without notice.
12. Under the Conditions of Entry, the winner is ineligible to compete again after winning a final of a National Rural Ambassador Award.
13. The Competitor authorises the RAS, Agricultural Societies State Body, and their local Show Society to incorporate any photograph of the Competitor in any public display in connection with the promotion of the RAS, Agricultural Societies State Body, local Show, Agricultural Shows Australia Rural Ambassador Award, or the Host Royal Show.
14. The Conditions of Entry shall constitute the whole agreement upon which an entry is submitted, and the Competitor agrees that all representations and statements not itemised herein are excluded.
15. In consideration of the Host RAS accepting this entry, the Competitor hereby indemnifies the Host RAS, Agricultural Society State Body and local Show Society against all claims, losses, suits and demands made against or suffered by the Host RAS, Agricultural Society State Body and local Show Society by reason of any negligent act of omission on the part of the Competitor and that the Competitor agrees that any act or omission on his/her part found in any action against the Host RAS, Agricultural State Body and local Show Society to be negligence shall be deemed to have been negligence for the purposes of any claim under this indemnity.
16. The Competitor hereby admits and acknowledges that they will participate in the Award wholly and solely at their own risk and release and indemnify the Host RAS, Agricultural Society State Body and local Show Society including their servants and agents in the terms of this release and indemnity contained in the Conditions.
17. It is a condition of entry that the Competitor waives any right to claim against the Host RAS, Agricultural Society State Body, local Show Society and Award organisers or any sponsor or provider of prizes in connection with any loss or injury suffered by the Competitor or in relation to the decisions and directions of Judges, Stewards, Officials and Host RAS staff and Councillors.
18. It is a condition of entry that in the event of the Competitor suffering injury or loss or claim for compensation as a result of the Competitor's actions, the Competitor will fully indemnify each of the Host RAS, Agricultural Society State Body, local Show Society, and the Award organisers including Judges, Stewards and Officials or any Sponsor or provider of prizes.
19. The Competitor must disclose any medical condition reasonably expected to restrict tasks to be undertaken during the Host Royal Show.
20. Failure to comply with any of the above regulations may result in disqualification from the Award.

I hereby apply to enter the Rural Ambassador Award in terms of and upon the conditions set out in the Conditions of Entry which I have read and by which I agree to be bound in all respects, including my admission to and presence on the Showground.