

Victorian Agricultural Shows Rural Ambassador Awards

A partnership between VAS and the RASV



Rules and regulations

1. Open to people aged between 20 and under 30 years as of the 1st May 2019
2. The candidate **must** reside in Victoria

Judging criteria for the State Final

- Community and Local Show/ Field Day Involvement – Entrants must demonstrate an active involvement and a desire to be involved in the future and improvement of their local community and or show.
40 Points
- General and Rural Knowledge – Entrants must demonstrate a broad general knowledge, an awareness of local community issues and an understanding of current affairs relating to rural life and industry.
20 Points
- Personality traits consistent with both the awards and the entrant's ambitions and goals will be assessed (e.g. enthusiasm, creativity, confidence, leadership)
10 Points
- Each Entrant's ambitions and goals will be assessed on their integrity and relevance to the awards. Entrants must demonstrate steps towards achieving their goal
10 Points
- Communication Skills – Entrants are expected to demonstrate effective communication skills – written, oral and interpersonal
10 Points
- Style, Grooming and Deportment – each Entrant's presentation will be assessed according to the suitability of their attire and conduct in a range of contexts
10 Points
- Public Presentation (3-minute speech) – each Entrant's public presentation will be assessed according to the quality of the content, delivery and the extent to which it addresses the set topic
20 Points

Sponsors – State level



Prizes

Trophy & Cash Prize for Winner and representation at the National Final.



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Victorian Agricultural Shows

Rural Ambassador

Awards 2018/19



Information & Application Form

Aims of the Rural Ambassador Awards

To highlight the talent, creativity and ingenuity of young rural people and in doing so, encourage entrants to be role models in their local communities.

To encourage and reward enthusiastic, skilful and industrious young people who are actively involved in their communities.

To assist all entrants through their participation to develop strong leadership and communication qualities.

To enable entrants to gain greater proficiency in their chosen field and also develop entrants' stature and reputation in that chosen field.

Conditions of Entry - Summary

Entry into the Rural Ambassador Awards is via this official Application Form only

The Application form must be completed and signed by the entrant.

Entrants must be aged over 20 years and under 30 years as at 1 May (2019).

Entrants may be involved in a rural or agricultural based industry or be associated with a Show Society/Field Day but do not necessarily need to reside in a rural community

If successful at Group level, entrants must attend the State Final during the Royal Melbourne Show and all judging requirements

Announcement of the State winner will be made during the Royal Melbourne Show

The State winner is required to represent Victoria in the National Finals, which may be held interstate or in New Zealand.

The Rural Ambassador Awards Committee will not enter into any correspondence in relation to selection and the judges' decision is final

An unsuccessful entrant may re-apply in following years providing they meet the Conditions of Entry. Previous State winners are ineligible to enter

There will be no joint winners. If a final decision cannot be made, advice is sought from the Chair of the Rural Ambassador Awards Committee

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Rural Ambassador Awards Information & Application Form **WINNER**

Application Responses

Please submit this Application Form along with the following items to your local Show Society/Field Day secretary.

All information in this application will be treated as confidential and will only be disclosed to members of the Society conducting the judging.

1. Please provide a curriculum vitae (CV) and address the following points:
 - Education
 - Employment
 - Practical Skills
 - Personal Achievements
 - Other Interests (e.g. sports and hobbies)
2. Provide a summary of why you want to be involved in the Rural Ambassador Awards
3. Provide a summary of our Show Society involvement (include any judging, stewarding and exhibiting experience as well as general responsibilities during your Local Show).
4. Provide a summary of your rural and/or community involvement (e.g. volunteerism, employment, memberships)
5. Provide a summary of your ambitions and aspirations.
6. Describe how your selection could assist both you and your Show Society

State Final Judging

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Telephone:

Date of Birth:

Mobile:

Signed:

Email:

Show Society/Field Day:

Forward this Application Form, together with your CV and Application Responses to the secretary of the Local Show/Field Day you wish to represent. A list of VAS show societies and field days is available from the VAS website: <http://www.vicagshows.com.au/societies.html>

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Rural Ambassador Awards Information & Application Form **RUNNER-UP**



Application Responses

Please submit this Application Form along with the following items to your local Show Society/Field Day secretary.

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7. Please provide a curriculum vitae (CV) and address the following points:
 - Education
 - Employment
 - Practical Skills
 - Personal Achievements
 - Other Interests (e.g. sports and hobbies)
8. Provide a summary of why you want to be involved in the Rural Ambassador Awards
9. Provide a summary of our Show Society involvement (include any judging, stewarding and exhibiting experience as well as general responsibilities during your Local Show).
10. Provide a summary of your rural and/or community involvement (e.g. volunteerism, employment, memberships)
11. Provide a summary of your ambitions and aspirations.
12. Describe how your selection could assist both you and your Show Society

State Final Judging

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Telephone:

Date of Birth:

Mobile:

Signed:

Email:

Show Society/Field Day:

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