



**Victorian Agricultural Shows  
Rural Ambassador  
Awards 2015/16**



**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 (2016).

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

All State finalists will be invited to serve on a Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria (RASV) Event Committee of their choice for the 12 months following the State Final

## Ambassador Awards (cont...)

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#### 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

I agree that all the information I am providing is true and correct and will devote the required time to attend all interviews, regional judging, information session (to be held in Melbourne in June 2016), State Final interviews and judging to be held during the Royal Melbourne Show in September 2016 and the National Final in 2017 if necessary.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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>