



2018 Harcourts - RAS Rural Ambassador Award

Entry Form (Entries close 31st March 2017)

Full name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Fax: _____ Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Occupation: _____

I am a member of _____ A&P Association

Declaration:

I am a New Zealand resident and I declare the above details are correct. I have enclosed my CV, other relevant details and in particular have covered points 3. iv and 4. of the entry conditions. I understand the Award organisers and judges will view these and I give my permission for the information to be used for this Award. I also understand that the information may be used for advertising and promotional purposes should I become a winning Regional Finalist for the Award. Award organisers may contact the referees supplied. I confirm I am over 20 and under 30 years of age as of the 1 May 2017.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Return this form, along with CV, covering letter, photo and references to: debbie@ras.org.nz

Checklist

- Form signed and emailed
- CV emailed
- Covering letter emailed
- Photo emailed
- References emailed

See overleaf for conditions of entry. If you require further information on the Award please contact the Royal Agricultural Society: P: 03 313 1004 | E: debbie@ras.org.nz

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Conditions of Entry:

1. Entrants must be New Zealand residents over 20 & under 30 years of age as at 1 May 2017.
2. Entrants must have a showing background in some way – exhibitor/steward/volunteer/committee member and be a current financial member of an A&P Association. (If not a member contact your local A&P Association and become one) This is mandatory to be accepted for this Award.
3. Entrants must supply a full resume/CV outlining the following:
 - i) Educational background and achievements
 - ii) Career and industry achievements to date
 - iii) Personal, career and industry goals and objectives
 - iv) Showing Background
 - v) Community involvement, Interests, sports and hobbies
 - vi) A covering letter outlining why the entrant considers they are worthy of the award.
 - vii) A recent photo
4. Entrants must supply two written references, along with contact details. (Please note the provision of this information is given on the understanding that Award organisers have permission to contact the referees, should they choose to do so.)
5. Entrants will be judged initially within their region. Six regional winners become finalists for the award. See RAS website www.ras.org.nz for delineation of District boundaries.
6. Entrants must be prepared to attend a regional panel interview at a time and date set by the organizers. The regional panel interviews will be held in April/May 2017 at the following locations: Northern District – either Whangarei or Auckland, Mid Northern District - Hamilton, Eastern District – either Hawkes Bay or Gisborne, Western District – either Palmerston North or Wanganui, Central District – either Blenheim or Christchurch and Southern District either Dunedin or Invercargill so some travel at the entrant's cost may be required dependent on where they live and what region they reside in.
7. The RAS reserves the right to re-run this competition if the entry numbers are low.
8. Finalists must be prepared to attend a panel interview in Wanaka on Saturday 24 June at the RAS Conference. (Conference dates are 23-25 June 2017. Finalists are invited to attend the RAS conference meetings while they are there.) That night at the conference dinner, finalists will be required to make an off the cuff 2-3 minute speech as part of their finals interview process. NB: Accommodation for one-two nights for finalist (may be on a share basis with other finalists) and air flights if applicable will be paid for.
9. The regional and final interview may cover any of the following:
 - i) Knowledge of their particular industry and achievements
 - ii) Future goals, long term view of their industry, future objectives
 - iii) Communication and social skills, along with general knowledge
 - iv) Showing background and ambitions in this field.
 - v) Interests, hobbies and community involvement/awareness
 - vi) Some knowledge of the RAS movement/NZ Young Farmers/Harcourts NZ.
10. The overall winner will be asked to undertake ambassadorial duties at key events e.g. RAS Conference, HNZ Conference, Royal A&P Show and/or Royal Events and/or local shows.
11. The overall winner must be available to represent New Zealand at the Australasian Competition in 2018 which is due to be held in Adelaide in early September.
12. The entrant gives permission for all of the information submitted by them as part of their entry to be used by the organisers for the purposes of this Award and this information may be used for advertising/promotional purposes should the entrant become a finalist/winner.
13. All finalists will be notified by e-mail. Any information submitted by entrants becomes the property of the organizer and will not be returned.
14. All prizes are to be accepted as given and are not redeemable for cash or other products. Regional winners will win a cash prize of \$500.00. Overall winner of the HNZ-RAS Rural Ambassador will receive a jacket, \$2000 cash prize and air flights to Australia to represent NZ. (Two nights accommodation in Australia will be paid for by the Australian Host Association.) It is expected that \$1000 of the prize money will be used for travel/accommodation for any key ambassadorial duties undertaken.
15. The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
16. The entrant agrees to abide by the rules of the competition as outlined above.