



RAS Rural Ambassador Award

Entry Form (Entries close 31st March 2021)

Full name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

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 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. I confirm I am over 20 and under 30 years of age as of the 1 May 2021.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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

Checklist

- Form signed and emailed
- CV emailed
- Covering letter emailed
- Photo emailed (jpeg)

See overleaf for conditions of entry. If you require further information on the Award, please contact the RAS CEO, Debbie Cameron M: 027 213 3946 | 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 of 1 May 2021.
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 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.
5. 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 2021 at locations that suit the majority of entrants. Depending on the circumstances at the time, the use of Zoom as an interview forum may be considered. However, some travel at the entrant's cost may be required.
6. The RAS reserves the right to re-run this competition if the entry numbers are low.
7. Finalists should be prepared to attend a panel interview in Wellington on Saturday 19 June at the RAS Conference. (Conference dates are 19-20 June 2021. Finalists receive free conference attendance and dinner the night of the finals.) That night at the conference dinner, finalists will be required to make a 2-3-minute speech/presentation as part of their finals interview process. Assistance with accommodation for one-two nights for finalist (may be on a share basis with other finalists) and air flights, if applicable, will be provided. Any other expenses will be at the sole cost of the finalist.
8. 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.
9. The overall winner may be asked to undertake ambassadorial duties at key events e.g. RAS Conference, Royal A&P Show and/or Royal Events and/or local shows.
10. The overall winner must be available to represent New Zealand at the Australasian Competition in 2022 if it should go ahead (due to be held in Sydney in April).
11. 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.
12. All finalists will be notified by e-mail. Any information submitted by entrants becomes the property of the organizer and will not be returned.
13. All prizes are to be accepted as given and are not redeemable for cash or other products. Regional winners will receive an RAS Medal of Excellence and free conference registration. Overall winner of the RAS Rural Ambassador will receive a blazer, free conference registration, RAS Gold Medal and \$500 cash prize. Airfares to and from Sydney for the Australasian competition is the responsibility of the finalist. Two nights accommodation will be covered by the host organization.
14. The judges' decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered in to.
15. District finalists will be invited on to their District Council.
16. By entering this competition, you acknowledge that a COVID environment is hard to predict and circumstances may change very quickly which prevents this competition from progressing according to the conditions noted.
17. The entrant agrees to abide by the rules of the competition as outlined above.