



Royal Agricultural Society of NSW

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY: 2023 RAS Rural Achiever Award
ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF NSW ('RAS') ABN 69 793 644 351

1. The Conditions of Entry shall constitute the whole agreement upon which an Application is submitted and the Applicant agrees that all representations and statements not itemised herein are excluded.
2. Applications are available to be submitted from 1 August 2022 and must be received by the RAS Office by 11:59pm 12 September 2022. Applications are available to be submitted online. Entries received after this date and time may not be accepted.
3. The Award Recipients will be announced at the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW (RAS), 1 Showground Road, Sydney Olympic Park on or before Friday 2 December 2022 by Murray Wilton, General Manager Agriculture and SRES, and witnessed by Rebecca Anderson, Rural Achiever Coordinator.
4. RAS' decision is final and no further correspondence will be entered into. Recipients unable to accept the Award will forfeit the Award. Another recipient may then be announced.
5. Any queries regarding eligibility should be referred to the Rural Achiever Coordinator at the RAS, Phone: 02 9704 1160 or Email: ruralachiever@rasnsw.com.au
6. Applicants must be aged between 20 to 29 years of age (inclusive) as at 1 May 2023. This is in line with the National Rural Ambassador Award which states entrants must be under the age of 30 as at 1 May of their State Final year.
7. Applicants must be permanent residents of Australia who reside in New South Wales.
8. Applicants must fully complete the official application form and submit a recent high definition portrait photo and a covering letter. Failure to provide the three (3) listed documents may deem the Application invalid.
9. The following individuals are not eligible to apply for the Award:
 - a. The Land Sydney Royal Showgirl Competition 2022 state finalists
 - b. Previous Rural Achiever Award recipients
 - c. Showgirl Zone Finalists for The Land Sydney Royal AgShows NSW Young Woman 2023
 - d. Current RAS Youth Group members
 - e. RAS Staff and Councillors
10. All Applicants must be available for a face-to-face interview held in October and/or November 2022. Applicants must be available to attend an interview at Sydney Olympic Park, date to be confirmed. Travel to and from the interview and any accommodation requirements are the responsibility of the Applicant.
11. A maximum of eight (8) Rural Achiever Award Recipients will be selected from the Applications received. This number may vary at the discretion of the Selection Panel. Each of the Rural Achievers selected will be of equal status.
12. An interstate representative will be chosen from the group of Award Recipients to represent NSW at the National Rural Ambassador Competition. Interstate travel may be required to attend the National Final.
13. Tertiary qualifications are not a prerequisite for entry into the RAS Rural Achiever Award and will have no influence on the selection process.
14. Applicants should be knowledgeable about current rural issues pertaining to their local area, NSW and Australia and have a strong affiliation towards agriculture and their community. This will be called upon throughout the selection process.
15. Involvement in the Applicant's local agricultural show is not an entry pre-requisite. However, Applicants may be supported by a local Agricultural Show Society with a letter of recommendation included with their application and signed by a representative of the show committee.

16. Award Recipients will be required to spend seven consecutive days at the 2023 Sydney Royal Easter Show (SRES) and participate fully in the scheduled Award program. Award Recipients are therefore required to obtain a leave of absence from their place of work or tertiary institution for this time. Inability to attend the SRES on all seven days and participate fully and exclusively in the Award program may result in disqualification. If you have any queries relating to this requirement, please contact the Coordinator.
17. Award Recipients will be guests of the RAS whilst in Sydney, but will be required to pay their own travelling expenses to and from Sydney.
18. Award recipients are required to adhere to the following Code of Conduct while representing the RAS and failure to do so may result in disqualification:
 - (a) Behaviour — It is expected that the Award Recipients will conduct themselves in an appropriate manner whilst in attendance at the 2023 Sydney Royal Easter Show (SRES) and will willingly participate in all activities and functions they are asked to be involved in. They are expected to follow the advice and directions of the chaperone and/or RAS Staff. It is expected that all Award Recipients will respect their fellow Award Recipients and represent the RAS in good faith.
 - (b) Language — Suitable language must be used at all times whilst in public and representing the RAS.
 - (c) Clothing — Award Recipients are to wear the RAS Rural Achiever Award uniform at all official functions, during all official duties and when asked by the chaperone.
 - (d) Rural Achiever Chaperone – Whilst in Sydney, entrants must advise the chaperone of their whereabouts at all times or upon request.
 - (e) Itinerary – All Award Recipients are to partake in and adhere to the planned itinerary whilst in Sydney. Award recipients must participate in the full program set by the RAS without any distraction. Award Recipients are not permitted to exhibit in any other competition or take part in other non-program activities.
 - (f) Accommodation – Whilst in Sydney only the Award Recipients and their parent/guardian will be permitted entry into their hotel rooms without permission of the Rural Achiever Award Chaperone.
19. Award Recipients will be requested, where possible, to represent the RAS and Agricultural Society Council of NSW (ASC) at, but not limited to, local Agricultural Shows and rural NSW community activities.
20. The RAS has the right to terminate, retract, or alter all or part of the said Award during the period.
21. At the discretion of the RAS, if an Award Recipient withdraws from the Rural Achiever Award program prior to its commencement the withdrawing recipient may be required to cover the cost of their unused uniform.
22. The Award is not redeemable for cash. The Award is not transferable.
23. The RAS adheres to Privacy Legislation and the RAS Privacy Policy is available at http://www.rasnsw.com.au/globalassets/document-library/legal/privacy_policy.pdf
24. This competition is governed by the RAS General Regulations, available to download from <http://www.rasnsw.com.au>
25. The Recipient must be fit for the purpose of performing their tasks during the period. The Recipient must disclose any medical condition reasonably expected to restrict any task to be undertaken during the RES.
26. Failure to comply with any of the regulations or conditions of entry may result in disqualification from the Award.
27. The Recipient will indemnify the RAS against all claims arising out of their participation in the Award and such claims include all action suits costs claims demands brought against the RAS by any person or corporation arising out of any negligent or improper act or omission by the recipient.