



Queensland Ag Shows

RURAL AMBASSADOR AWARDS

RULES OF COMPETITION

Eligibility

1. The award is open to persons born in Australia or naturalised Australians permanently residing in Queensland.
2. Entrants must be permanent residents of Australia who have resided in Queensland for a minimum of three (3) months immediately prior to nomination, or if resident near a state border can show they are an active working member of their nominating affiliated Agricultural Society.
3. Entrants must be aged 20 and less than 30 years as at 1 May in the year of the competition.
4. The award is opened to both males and females either single or married.
5. Immediate family members of affiliated Agricultural Societies and QCAS committee members and staff are eligible to enter provided they;
 - a) Declare a pecuniary interest, and
 - b) Are not involved in any discussion regarding the result during the competition
6. Previous state and national winners are not eligible to re-enter the competition.
7. State finalists (excluding the winner) are eligible to re-enter the competition after a period of two (2) years.
8. Affiliated Agricultural Society winners are eligible to compete in Sub Chamber finals. In the event that the winner becomes ineligible or unavailable the runner-up becomes eligible to represent the Agricultural Society.
9. The Sub Chamber finals winner is eligible to compete in the State Final. In the event that the Sub Chamber winner becomes ineligible or unavailable the runner-up becomes eligible to represent the Sub Chamber.
10. The State final winner is eligible to compete in the National final. In the event that the winner becomes ineligible or unavailable the runner-up becomes eligible to represent Queensland.

Local Show Competition

11. Entrants must be nominated by an affiliated Agricultural Society to be eligible to enter a Sub Chamber final.

Criteria

12. Entrants should be actively involved, or demonstrate a readiness to become actively involved in, their local Agricultural Society and Agricultural Show. They should also be knowledgeable about current rural issues pertaining to their local area, Queensland and Australia and have a strong affiliation towards agriculture.
13. Tertiary qualifications are not a prerequisite for the Rural Ambassador Award and will have no influence in the selection process. The Award seeks to attract all young rural people who symbolise the rural spirit – people with vitality, who are forward thinking and with a passion for the land and local Agricultural Shows.

Entry Forms

14. At Local and Sub Chamber level all entries must include a completed **QCAS Entry Form A** attached to a completed **Questioner** along with a recent photograph (in high resolution electronic format) and a covering letter. Failure to provide the above documentation will deem the entry invalid.

15. At State Final level all entries must include a completed **QCAS Entry Form B** attached to a completed **Questioner**, along with a recent photograph (in high resolution electronic format) and a covering letter. Failure to provide the above documentation will deem the entry invalid.

Awards

16. Prizes awarded to Rural Ambassadors are not transferable. All prizes are subject to change without notice.
17. The State Winner of the Rural Ambassador Award receives travel, accommodation and attendance to the Royal Agricultural Society of the Commonwealth (RASC) Conference held biannually.

State Finals

18. State Finalists should be available for a minimum of three (3) full days to participate in all activities associated with the State Final held during the Royal Queensland Show. Should there be any concerns with timeframes the State Coordinator is to be advised immediately.
19. State finalists must participate as part of the group during the entire itinerary. If unable to do this they must withdraw from the contest and the runner-up will be invited to take their place.
20. State Winner and Runner Up are required to commit to a further three (3) days attendance at the Royal Queensland Show as per the Rural Ambassador Itinerary. Should there be any concerns with timeframes the State Coordinator is to be advised immediately.
21. Travel to and from Brisbane and whilst in Brisbane is the responsibility of Finalists and is usually subsidised by the nominating Sub-Chamber and / or Agricultural Society (at their discretion).
22. The dress code for the Rural Ambassador Awards Dinner is *Cocktail* (Jacket and Tie).
23. During the formal Rural Ambassador judging interviews, QCAS sponsored attire (currently shirts and blouses) is to be worn (These items will be provided on arrival in Brisbane).
24. Entrants must accept that any behavior that will bring disrepute to these Rural Ambassador Awards and is deemed inappropriate by the organising committee, prior to or during the State Finals, may forfeit their right to participate.