

THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES OF VICTORIA

RURAL AMBASSADOR AWARD

Chief Steward – Mrs J Seers

Plaques will be given to winner at local country Agricultural Shows. Regional winners will be provided with an official jacket to be worn at the State final at the Royal Melbourne Show. The State Final winner will receive a major prize and must compete in the National Finals. The State winner will be announced at the Royal Melbourne Show.

AIM: The competition aims to:

- Highlight the talent, creativity & ingenuity of young Rural Victorians and encourage them to be role models in their communities.
- Encourage and reward enthusiastic, skilful, industrious young people involved in Rural environments
- Assist entrants through participation to develop strong communication and leadership qualities and directly assist the winner through the support of a bursary
- Enable applicants to gain greater proficiency in their chosen field and develop stature and reputation in that field.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- Apply by completing the application form
- An unsuccessful applicant may re apply providing they meet the guidelines
- Previous State winners and not eligible
- Be aged between 20 & 30 years inclusive at the time of their local show
- There will be NO joint winners. If a decision cannot be made, advice will be sought from the Chairman of the Youth Affairs Committee
- Judges decision will be final, and no correspondence will be entered into.
- Finalist may be involved in a rural or agricultural based industry or associated with a Show Society but do not need to reside in a rural community.
- All Finalists will be invited to join an RAS Committee of their choice for the 12 months following the competition

CRITERIA: Entrants must wear smart, casual, tailored clothing and will be judged in accordance with the following guidelines.

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| • Communication Skills | 20 points |
| • Community involvement | 20 points |
| • Rural and General Knowledge | 20 points |
| • Ambition/Goals | 20 points |
| • Grooming & Confidence | 20 points |
| Total | 100 points |

Official entry forms and questionnaires for the Rural Ambassador Award are available from the Show Secretary. Entries will be accepted on show day

VAS Ltd JUNIOR SHOW AMBASSADOR

AIMS OF THE COMPETITION

To give young people a chance to take part in a competition whilst still residing in their local district. To be part of a local Show and therefore highlighting the importance of Shows.

AGE

Open to males and females aged 16-20 years at the time of the local Show.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Entrants must wear smart casual clothing and will be judged in accordance with the following guidelines:

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| • Community involvement | 20 points |
| • Rural and General Knowledge | 20 points |
| • Ambition/Goals | 20 points |
| • Communication Skills | 20 points |
| • Personality & Confidence | 10 points |
| • Grooming & Deportment | 10 points |
| Total | 100 points |

Winner at show society level will compete in a group final.

Group final winners will compete in a state final run by VAS Ltd.