



YOUNG RURAL  
AMBASSADOR  
AWARD  
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## 2009 SOUTH AUSTRALIAN YOUNG RURAL AMBASSADOR AWARD

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### • REGULATIONS AND ENTRY CRITERIA

The Agricultural Societies Council of South Australia Inc who will be duly responsible for selecting the state winner conducts this award.

All entrants who enter the award must provide an undertaking that they will abide by the regulations and entry conditions as set out and to abide by the decisions of the Agricultural Societies Council of SA.

The regulations apply to all three tiers of this award at local show society, association and state level.

The awards will be run by qualification through country shows to association finals with a State Final being held prior to the 2009 Royal Adelaide Show.

#### AIMS:

- To highlight the importance of youth in rural South Australia and in particular the agricultural show movement.
- To identify and encourage enthusiastic, skilful, industrious and unselfish young people.
- To give young people a forum to express their views through education and experience and develop closer links with the primary industries in South Australia.

#### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

Entrants must:

- Apply for and complete the entry form.
- Provide information indicating their reasons for applying for entry together with curriculum vitae, indicating work experience, community participation and agricultural show involvement.
- Residents of South Australia or who reside in Victoria but live no further than 50 kilometres from the Post Office of the town of the South Australian Show Society making the selection.
- Aged between 16 years and 19 years inclusive at the date of their local show.
- Be enthusiastic and knowledgeable about rural life and affairs, and agricultural shows.
- Be able to spend the required time at the local show, association level finals and the state final held at the Royal Adelaide Showground on Friday 10th July 2009 prior to the 2009 Royal Adelaide Show.
- State winner to be available to attend the 2009 Royal Adelaide Show between 4:30pm Friday 4th September and 5:00pm Sunday 6th September.

#### JUDGING CRITERIA:

- Entrants must wear smart casual clothing suitable for an Autumn or Spring Show.
- Entrants to be judged in accordance with the following guidelines:

Country Show Involvement.....	15 points
Community Involvement .....	15 points
General and Rural Knowledge .....	20 points
Personal Presentation/Personality .....	20 points
Ambitions/Goals.....	10 points
Communication Skills .....	10 points
Dinner/Interview/General Interaction .....	10 points
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>100 points</b>

## • YOUNG RURAL AMBASSADOR AWARD STRUCTURE

### Country Show Society Level

All entrants must complete the award entry form. Show Societies may only select one award winner each year, with other placegetters eligible to re-enter the following year. The participant selected at the Country Show Society Level represents that Society at the Association Final. If the representative at Society level is unable to represent the Society in the Association Final judging, then that Society may select another participant to be their representative (eg runner up at a local level if there is one).

### Association Level

Finalists at the Association level must be able to attend both an interview with a judging panel and a lunch/afternoon tea/dinner function held on the same date at a time and venue stipulated by the association. If a finalist is unable to attend both then the Show Society will need to select another participant to be their representative (eg runner up).

The Association Secretary must forward the entry form of the Association winner to the Agricultural Societies Council immediately following the Association Final. A recommendation is for all Association Finals to be held during the autumn in the same year as the State Final in July 2009. If the Association Winner is unable to attend the State Final, then the Runner up will be asked to take their place.

### State Level

The winner selected at the Association level represents that Association in the State Final to be conducted on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July at the Royal Adelaide Showground prior to the 2009 Royal Adelaide Show.

The State Winner will get the opportunity to spend two days at the Royal Adelaide Show from 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> September 2009.

The winner of the State Final is the Young Rural Ambassador Award winner for that year.

### Eligibility to Re-enter

The winner of a previous State Final is not eligible to enter the Young Rural Ambassador Award again. Previous state finalists are eligible to enter the award a maximum of twice, with a minimum gap of 2 years between their 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> state final. After this period they are eligible to enter at Country Show level.

### Judging Panel

One of the judges at all three of the levels (Country Show Society, Association and State) should be (if possible) a past Young Rural Ambassador State Finalist, with Show Societies and Associations encouraged to invite Ambassadors from other areas to be judges. A list of Young Rural Ambassador contact details is available from the Agricultural Societies Council of South Australia Inc secretary.

### Variations to Regulations

Requests for variations to or exemptions from these Regulations are to be made in writing and forwarded to the Association Secretary and the Agricultural Societies Council of SA by the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2009. The Agricultural Societies Council reserves the right to vary the Rules and Regulations. Any variations approved will be notified in writing.

### Awards/Prizes

Country Show Societies and Associations are to be responsible for determining the prizes at their own levels.

Participants in the South Australian Young Rural Ambassador Award will all receive some prizes from several of the Award sponsors. The major prize for the winner of the State Final will be the opportunity to spend 2 days at the 2009 Royal Adelaide Show with the Rural Ambassador State Finalists and will receive a clothing package from RM Williams to wear during their time at the Royal Show. Prize winner to advise of availability to attend the Royal Adelaide show within 30 days of the State Final. The runner up will receive a RM Williams shirt and belt.

**(The State Final awards may be subject to alteration).**

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Outlined below are recommendations for the level of commitment that will be expected of Young Rural Ambassador Award entrants at Country Show Society, Association and State levels.

These are to be used as a guide only and it is up to the discretion of Young Rural Ambassador Award entrants, Show Societies and Associations as to whether they are adhered to, but it will be encouraged.

The level of commitment which people can offer will depend on employment, family, sporting, study and other commitments so this will vary between individuals.

## **Country Show Society Level**

- Entrants will attend their local show
- Entrants offered an invitation to attend the official opening of the show
- Entrants offered an invitation to attend the show's official luncheon/afternoon tea etc
- Winner of the Award to accompany the official party at the show
- Winner to be encouraged and supported in the writing of thank you letters to the Show Society and sponsors
- Entrants offered a position on the Show Management Committee or other sub committees

## **Association Level**

- Association Winner invited to attend all of the Association Shows
- Association Winner offered an invitation to attend the official opening of each show in the association
- Association Winner offered an invitation to attend each show's official luncheon/afternoon tea etc and to accompany the official party at the show
- Association Winner to be encouraged and supported in the writing of thank you letters to their Association and sponsors
- Association Winner offered a position as an Association Delegate and invited to the Association AGM and other relevant functions
- Country Show winners invited to attend Association AGM and other relevant functions

## **State Level**

- The State Winner is encouraged to attend a country show from each Association during their 12 months as the state winner
- Associations are encouraged to invite the State Winner to attend one of their Shows
- The State Winner offered an honorary position on the Agricultural Societies Council of South Australia Inc Executive as an observer
- All State Finalists to be utilised as judges at local and association levels, with Show Societies and Associations encouraged to invite State Finalists from other Associations
- All State Finalists are encouraged to write thank you letters to the Agricultural Societies Council of South Australia Inc and other sponsors