QUEENSLAND RURAL AMBASSADOR AWARDS

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

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ELIGIBILITY

1. The Awards are open to those who are permanent residents of Australia. Any queries regarding eligibility should be referred to the Queensland Rural Ambassador Chair.
2. Competitors must 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. Competitors must be aged over 20 and under 30 years as of the 1st of May in the State Final year. Immediate family members of affiliated Agricultural Societies and Queensland Ag Shows committee members and staff are eligible to enter provided they;
   a) Declare any pecuniary interest, and
   b) Are not involved in any discussion regarding the result during the period of the competition.
4. Previous state and national winners are not eligible to enter or re-enter the competition.
5. State Finalists (excluding the winner) are eligible to re-enter the competition after a period of two (2) years. Two state finals must have passed in this period
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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

9. Competitors must be nominated by an affiliated Agricultural Society to be eligible to enter a Sub-Chamber final.

CRITERIA

10. Competitors should be actively involved, or demonstrate a readiness to become actively involved in, their local Agricultural Show Society. They should also be knowledgeable about current rural issues pertaining to their local area, Queensland and Australia and have a strong affiliation towards agriculture.
11. Tertiary qualifications are not a prerequisite for the Rural Ambassador Award and will have no influence on the selection process. Guided by the motto "Empowering Youth, Nurturing Rural Leadership," the Award seeks to attract young rural people from all backgrounds who embody the rural spirit. It celebrates individuals with vitality, initiative and a passion for their local communities and Agricultural Shows, while recognising their potential to become future leaders and advocates for rural & regional Australia.

ENTRY FORMS

12. At Local, Sub-Chamber and State level all entries must include a completed entry form, completed questionnaire, recent photograph (in high resolution electronic format) and a covering letter. Failure to provide the above documentation will deem the entry invalid.

AWARDS

13. Prizes awarded to Rural Ambassadors are not transferable. All prizes are subject to change without notice and when the prize is a voucher or bursary the voucher and bursary will expire at its expiration date.

STATE FINALS

14. State Finalists should be available for a minimum of five (5) 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.
15. State Finalists must participate as part of the group during the entire itinerary. If unable to do this they must withdraw from the Awards and the runner-up will be invited to take their place.
16. State Winner and Runner Up are required to commit to a two (2) day 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.
17. Travel to and from Brisbane and whilst in Brisbane is the responsibility of Finalists. This may be subsidised by the nominating Sub-Chamber and / or Agricultural Society (at their discretion).
18. State Finalists must accept that any behaviour 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.
19. State Finalists will be asked to adhere to a dress code, information is released directly to the finalist.
20. The Competitor authorises Queensland Ag Shows, the RNA, and their local Show Society to incorporate any photograph of the Competitor in any public display in connection with the promotion of Queensland Ag Shows, the RNA, local Show, Agricultural Shows Australia Rural Ambassador Award, or the Host Royal Show.
21. The Conditions of Entry shall constitute the whole agreement upon which an entry is submitted, and the Competitor agrees that all representations and statements not itemised herein are excluded.
22. In consideration of Queensland Ag Shows accepting this entry, the Competitor hereby indemnifies Queensland Ag Shows against all claims, losses, suits and demands made against or suffered by Queensland Ag Shows and the local Show Society by reason of any negligent act of omission on the part of the Competitor and that the Competitor agrees that any act or omission on their part found in any action against Queensland Ag Shows and the local Show Society to be negligence shall be deemed to have been negligence for the purposes of any claim under this indemnity.
23. The Competitor hereby admits and acknowledges that they will participate in the Award wholly and solely at their own risk and release and indemnify Queensland Ag Shows and the local Show Society including their servants and agents in the terms of this release and indemnity contained in the Conditions.
24. It is a condition of entry that the Competitor waives any right to claim against Queensland Ag Shows, the local Show Society and Award organisers or any sponsor or provider of prizes in connection with any loss or injury suffered by the Competitor or in relation to the decisions and directions of Judges, Stewards, Officials and Hosts.
25. It is a condition of entry that in the event of the Competitor suffering injury or loss or claim for compensation as a result of the Competitor's actions, the Competitor will fully indemnify each of Queensland Ag Shows, the local Show Society, and the Award organisers including Judges, Stewards and Officials or any Sponsor or provider of prizes.
26. The Competitor must disclose any medical condition reasonably expected to restrict tasks to be undertaken during the State Final.
27. Failure to comply with any of the above regulations may result in disqualification from the Award.

DISCLAIMER

I _____hereby apply to enter the Rural Ambassador Award in terms of and upon the conditions set out in the Conditions of Entry which I have read and by which I agree to be bound in all respects, including my admission to and presence on the Showground. I also consent and agree Queensland Ag Shows and show societies have the right to take or use photographs of me (and/or my property) and use the photos in any and all marketing and media worldwide including online, now or in the future.

Signature:	Date: