



THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

RURAL AMBASSADOR AWARD 2010

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**THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA
RURAL AMBASSADOR AWARD 2010**

ENTRIES CLOSE	30/06/2010 at local Agricultural Societies so zone judging can take place during July (by close of business on 31/07/08 all zone finalist documentation to be at the Royal Agricultural Society (RAS) Showgrounds, Claremont)
JUDGING	14/08/2010
PRESENTATION OF AWARD	14/08/2010

The Royal Agricultural Society Rural Ambassador Award is aimed at youth and provides them with an opportunity to promote rural Western Australia and to play a greater role in promoting agriculture and rural Western Australia.

WHO CAN ENTER:

Applicants must be:-

- permanent residents of Western Australia
- aged between 20 and 30 years of age as at 1 May of the year of the State Final
- Staff and Councillors of the RAS and sons and daughters of the staff and Councillors of the RAS and Agricultural Society State Body's Executive are not eligible to enter.

HOW TO ENTER:

- Seek nomination through your local Agricultural Society
- Send a detailed curriculum vitae with the entry form (attached)
- List two Referees (or References) who can be contacted.

JUDGING CRITERIA WILL INCLUDE:

- Entry form and Curriculum Vitae
- Interview
- Personal presentation
- Agricultural Knowledge
- General Knowledge
- Verbal presentation of two minutes on a rural topic of choice
- Interests in Community organisations
- Country show involvement
- Background in rural or country town interests.

The criteria are optional as some groups will be nominating their entrant in lieu of holding a local competition.

RURAL AMBASSADOR AWARD:

The prizes for the winner are a study tour, \$1000 to contribute towards costs incurred during your year in office, plus other prizes.

The Winner will receive:

- A membership from The Royal Agricultural Society of WA Inc
- An RAS blazer
- Accommodation and all meals during the weekend of final judging
- A study tour (to be determined by The Royal Agricultural Society).

AT THE PERTH ROYAL SHOW:

Each qualifying finalist will be offered the opportunity to promote a preferred section of the Perth Royal Show, under the direction of the Co-ordinator by assisting as Steward, presenter of awards or speaker.

N.B. This will not preclude in any way, Ambassadors exhibiting at the Perth Royal Show.

Subject to availability, the Rural Ambassador may also have the opportunity to perform some duties throughout the year on behalf of the Royal Agricultural Society.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. The Rural Ambassador Award is open to young persons with the following criteria:
 - Entrants must be permanent residents of Australia
 - Entrants must be aged between 20 and 30 years of age at the 1st May of the year of the State Final.
 - Must be nominated by an Agricultural Society.

PLEASE READ THE ATTACHED CONDITIONS OF ENTRY FOR THE "NATIONAL FINALS" – to determine if the Rules of Entry may preclude entrant.

2. Although it is not necessary for entrants to be currently living in the country, they should have been a permanent resident of the area for a period of not less than 12 months.
3. Winners at the Local level should be prepared to attend the judging at Group Level to represent their Society. If selected as Group Winner, the entrants must be prepared to attend the Final Judging and programme in Perth.

FINAL JUDGING takes place on SATURDAY 14 AUGUST 2010

4. Following selection, Group winners are expected to attend as many local shows in their Group as possible to help promote the Award and encourage future participation of prospective entrants.
5. All finalists will receive a prize and be accommodated during their stay in Perth for the Final Judging. Accommodation and meal costs whilst in Perth will be met by The Royal Agricultural Society. Transport to and from the Showgrounds and other venues will be arranged. All Finalists will be accommodated in Perth for two nights from **FRIDAY 13 AUGUST 2010** departing **SUNDAY 15 AUGUST 2010**.

The Royal Agricultural Society will provide details of a Code of Conduct required by Finalists.

6. Finalists will be responsible for travel from their home to Perth and return, plus all other private expenses associated with their stay in Perth.
7. The successful 2010 Rural Ambassador will be required to return to Perth and attend various functions during the week of the Royal Show. The Rural Ambassador's meals and passes will be provided during their stay in Perth.
8. The winner of the State Final would be expected to represent Western Australia at the National final in Adelaide in 2011. The airfare would be covered by The Royal Agricultural Society of WA and accommodation is covered by the host State.

INFORMATION SHEET FOR AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES AND GROUPS
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LOCAL LEVEL

The Rural Ambassador Award is entirely the responsibility of the local Agricultural Society concerned. Possible sponsorship may depend on population of the town and district.

PRIZES

All entrants at local level will receive passes to the 2010 Perth Royal Show.

The Royal Agricultural Society will send every entrant a 'thank you for entering' letter together with their respective entitlement of passes.

NOTE FOR LOCAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY SECRETARIES

PLEASE ENSURE THAT NAMES OF ALL ENTRANTS ARE FORWARDED TO THE RAS OFFICE BY TUESDAY 31 JULY 2010.

ZONE LEVEL

Prizes are the responsibility of the Agricultural Societies and Group within that Zone.

NOTE FOR GROUP SECRETARIES

PLEASE ENSURE THAT NAMES OF GROUP FINALISTS ARE FORWARDED TO THE RAS OFFICE BY TUESDAY 31 JULY 2010.

STATE LEVEL

Venue and judges etc. are selected by the Royal Agricultural Society.

NAME AND ADDRESS DETAILS OF GROUP FINALISTS ARE TO BE FORWARDED IMMEDIATELY AFTER GROUP JUDGING to the Section Coordinator Wendy Cook, who will then send Finalists an itinerary detailing their time of arrival and programme in Perth. Accommodation for Finalists is booked and paid for by The Royal Agricultural Society.

PRIZES

- Each finalist will receive two tickets to the Perth Royal Show
- The overall winner will receive a cheque for \$1000 and a Study Tour (to be determined by the RAS)
- The runner up will receive a cheque for \$500
- All finalist's accommodation and meals will be provided by the RAS over the Final judging weekend.

NATIONAL

The winner of the State Final will be expected to represent Western Australia at the National final in Adelaide in 2011. The airfare would be covered by the Royal Agricultural Society of Western Australia and accommodation is covered by the host State.

GENERAL OUTLINE

The Rural Ambassador Award is conducted in three stages:

- 1. LOCAL SHOW LEVEL** The winner selected at the local level represents that Society at the Group Finals.
- 2. GROUP LEVEL** The winner selected at the Group Final represents that Group in the State Final.
- 3. STATE LEVEL** The winner of the State Final will be expected to represent Western Australia.

The Rural Ambassador Award is designed to attract young people capable of representing their local Agricultural Society, region and rural Western Australia.

Group Finalists travel to Perth for State Judging Finals on **FRIDAY 13 and SATURDAY 14 AUGUST 2010** and are accommodated at the expense of the Royal Agricultural Society. The Winner and Runner up are announced at a Presentation Dinner on Saturday evening **14 AUGUST 2010**.

The Finalist chosen as the “ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY RURAL AMBASSADOR” is expected to attend the Perth Royal Show from **FRIDAY 24 SEPTEMBER to MONDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2010**. As State Finalist he/she will represent Western Australia at the National finals to be held in Melbourne next year. (Each year, a different State takes the role of Host). The airfare of our entrant is paid by the Royal Agricultural Society of Western Australia (when travelling Interstate) and the accommodation and meals for all entrants are provided by the Host State.

Young people wishing to enter the Rural Ambassador Award should contact their local Agricultural Society for further details, or contact the Section Coordinator named below.

Mrs Wendy Cook
PO Box 135
CLAREMONT WA 6910
Ph: (08) 6263 3132
Fax: (08) 6263 3171
Email: wcook@raswa.org.au

LOCAL ENTRANT APPLICATION FORM

This application form is to be used by the local Agricultural Society entrant. Please forward original application entry form to The Section Coordinator, Rural Ambassador Award, The Royal Agricultural Society, PO Box 135, Claremont, 6910, a copy to the Group Secretary at Zone level and retain a copy for your records.

I wish to enter the Royal Agricultural Society Rural Ambassador Award and I am nominated by

_____ Agricultural Society.

If chosen to represent my Group in the State Finals, I am prepared to abide by the criteria as set out in the Royal Agricultural Society's Conditions of Entry forms.

PLEASE PRINT

Name:	
Age:	
Date of Birth:	
Address:	
Phone (Bus):	
Phone (Home):	
Mobile:	
Fax:	
Email:	

Signed: _____

Date: _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT)

Occupation/Student:	
Interests/Sports/Hobbies:	
Membership/Involvement in Organisations:	
Ambitions:	
What contribution could you make as the Rural Ambassador:	
Other relevant information:	

GROUP FINALIST APPLICATION FORM
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The Royal Agricultural Society of WA
Claremont Showground PO Box 135
Claremont Western Australia 6910

Please return the original of this form to The Secretary, Rural Ambassador Award, PO Box 135, Claremont, 6910, and a copy to be forwarded to GROUP SECRETARY as soon as possible.

NAME: _____

WINNER OF _____
(Name of Agricultural Society)

will be our representative in the _____ GROUP FINALS.

The Award Entrant whose name is on this sheet has been chosen to represent the above Agricultural Society in the Regional Finals being held on _____ at _____ (Venue) _____ (Town)

Finalist should be prepared to arrive in _____ (Town)

At _____ (time am/pm) on _____ (date) allowing sufficient time for preparation and to meet other finalists and judges prior to commencement of judging.

PLEASE PRINT

Name:	
Age:	
Date of Birth:	
Address:	
Phone (Bus):	
Phone (Home):	
Mobile:	
Fax:	
Email:	

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Contact Name:	
Address:	
Phone (Bus):	
Phone (Home):	
Mobile:	
Fax:	
Email:	

STATE FINALIST APPLICATION FORM
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To be received by the Royal Agricultural Society no later than **31 JULY 2010**.

NAME OF GROUP: _____

NAME OF AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY: _____

NAME OF FINALIST: _____

Has been chosen to represent the above Group in the State Finals on **SATURDAY 14 AUGUST 2010**. State Finalist should be prepared to arrive in Perth on the evening of **FRIDAY 13 AUGUST 2010**, allowing sufficient time to meet other finalists and to join them for an evening meal.

Accommodation for this weekend is provided for by The Royal Agricultural Society.

PLEASE PRINT

Name:	
Age:	
Date of Birth:	
Address:	
Phone (Bus):	
Phone (Home):	
Mobile:	
Fax:	
Email:	

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Contact Name:	
Address:	
Phone (Bus):	
Phone (Home):	
Mobile:	
Fax:	
Email:	

THIS FORM IS REQUIRED URGENTLY FOR USE IN STATE FINALS, TOGETHER WITH A CV.

Please return completed forms to Mrs Wendy Cook, Rural Ambassador Award, The Royal Agricultural Society of Western Australia, PO Box 135, Claremont, 6910.

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