



# NZ Young Rural Achiever Award

**Entry Form** (Entries close 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012)

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

I am a member of \_\_\_\_\_ A&P Association

**Declaration:**

*I am a New Zealand resident and I declare the above details are correct. I have enclosed my CV, other relevant details and in particular have covered points 3. iv and 4. of the entry conditions. I understand the Award organisers and judges will view these and I give my permission for the information to be used for this Award. I also understand that the information may be used for advertising and promotional purposes should I become a winning Regional Finalist for the Award. Award organisers may contact the referees supplied. I confirm I am over 20 and under 30 years of ages as of the 1 May 2012.*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Return this form, along with CV and references to:**

The Royal Agricultural Society  
PO Box 54 Woodend  
North Canterbury 7641

See overleaf for conditions of entry. If you require further information on the Award please contact the Royal Agricultural Society: P: 03 313 1004 | F: 03 313 1003 | E: [debbie@ras.org.nz](mailto:debbie@ras.org.nz)

Also supported by the Otago Taieri A&P Society and Hawke's Bay A&P Society



### **Conditions of Entry:**

1. Entrants must be New Zealand residents over 20 & under 30 years of age as at 1 May 2012.
2. Entrants must have a showing background in some way – exhibitor/steward/volunteer/committee member and be a current financial member of an A&P Association. (If not a member contact your local A&P Association and become one) This is mandatory to be accepted for this Award.
3. Entrants must supply a full resume/CV outlining the following:
  - i) Educational background and achievements
  - ii) Career and industry achievements to date
  - iii) Personal, career and industry goals and objectives
  - iv) Showing Background
  - v) Community involvement, Interests, sports and hobbies
  - vi) A covering letter outlining why the entrant considers they are worthy of the award.
  - vii) Please include a recent photo.
4. Entrants must supply two written references, along with contact details. (Please note the provision of this information is given on the understanding that Award organisers have permission to contact the referees, should they choose to do so.)
5. Entrants will be judged initially within their region. Six regional winners become finalists for the award. See RAS website for delineation of District boundaries.
6. Entrants must be prepared to attend a regional panel interview at a time and date set by the organizers. The entrant will be required to give a 5 presentation on himself or herself and this will be followed by an interview. The regional panel interviews will be held in April/May 2012 at the following locations: Northern District – either Whangarei or Auckland, Mid Northern District - Hamilton, Eastern District – either Hawkes Bay or Gisborne, Western District – either Palmerston North or Wanganui, Central District – either Blenheim or Christchurch and Southern District either Dunedin or Invercargill so some travel at the entrant's cost may be required dependent on where they live and what region they reside in.
7. Finalists must be prepared to attend a panel interview in Wellington on Saturday 23 June at the RAS Conference. (Conference dates are 22-24 June 2012. Finalists are invited to attend the RAS conference meetings while they are there.) That night at the conference dinner finalists will be required to make an off the cuff 2-3 minute speech as part of their finals interview process. NB: Accommodation for one-two nights for finalist (may be on a share basis with other finalists) and air flights if applicable will be paid for.
8. The regional and final interview may cover any of the following:
  - i) Knowledge of their particular industry and achievements
  - ii) Future goals, long term view of their industry, future objectives
  - iii) Communication and social skills, along with general knowledge
  - iv) Showing background and ambitions in this field.
  - v) Interests, hobbies and community involvement/awareness
  - vi) Some knowledge of the RAS movement & NZ Young Farmers
9. The overall winner may be asked to make a presentation to their local A&P Association/s and NZYF club on their experience.
10. The overall winner must be available to represent New Zealand at the Australasian Competition in Darwin between 24-28 July 2012).
11. The entrant gives permission for all of the information submitted by them as part of their entry to be used by the organisers for the purposes of this Award and this information may be used for advertising/promotional purposes should the entrant become a finalist/winner.
12. All finalists will be notified by mail. Any information submitted by entrants becomes the property of the organizer and will not be returned.
13. All prizes are to be accepted as given and are not redeemable for cash or other products. Regional winners will win a cash prize of \$150.00. Overall winner of the NZ Young Rural Achiever Award will receive an RAS blazer, \$500 cash prize and air flights to Darwin to represent NZ. (Two night s accommodation in Darwin will be paid for by the Royal Darwin Show.)
14. The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
15. The entrant agrees to abide by the rules of the competition as outlined above.