



Royal Agricultural Society of NSW

CALL FOR ENTRIES

RAS RURAL ACHIEVERS AWARD OPEN FOR ENTRY

Recognising and rewarding NSW's young rural achievers

The **Royal Agricultural Society of NSW (RAS)** is calling for nominations for its annual **Rural Achievers Award**, encouraging entries from all across the state. Nominations for ambitious and enthusiastic young achievers in the rural sector are welcomed by the RAS, with entries closing **Monday 16 October 2006**.

The aim of the Rural Achievers Award is to reward the efforts of young Australians linked to agriculture who go the extra step in contributing to viable agricultural industries, Show communities and rural areas at large.

The coveted title has been sought after by many rural Australians, not only to be named the RAS Rural Achiever, but also the **networking opportunities, media attention and prizes** on offer. In the past 16 years, 127 young people have been selected as Rural Achievers. Previous entrants have seen a boost in their careers, progressing to work on successful properties, employed in agri-business and furthering their studies in the agricultural industry.

Eight finalists from across the state will be chosen to attend the **Sydney Royal Easter Show** where they will be given an all expenses-paid stay at the Show. This will include a 'behind the scenes' look at Australia's largest event, prize-money up to \$2000, tours of *The Land* and Rural Press, invitations to official functions including a cocktail reception at Government House as well as outfitting in the latest country clothing and an Akubra hat.

The eight finalists will be chosen from the Zone Judging Sessions held in early December 2006 at Tamworth, Orange and Wagga Wagga.

The RAS Rural Achievers Award is open to all residents of NSW aged between 20 and 27. Entrants need to demonstrate a keen interest in agriculture and rural affairs.

To enter, contact Caroline Deck for an application form on 02 9704 1001 or cdeck@rasnsw.com.au.

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