

RASV Youth Travel Scholarship Application Process

1. Applicants are to apply in writing to:

RASV Youth Travel Scholarship Coordinator
Melbourne Showgrounds, Epsom Rd
Ascot Vale VIC 3032

2. **Applications close** Thursday 1 August 2019. No late applications will be accepted.

3. Application will only be considered from Exhibitors or Handlers entered in their own right in the 2019 Royal Melbourne Show Beef Cattle, Sheep or Dairy Cattle Competitions. Handlers do not need to own the animals they are parading, but are required to be the listed Handler in the relevant class.

4. Applicants must be aged 18-30 years old and be able to undertake travel for approximately 2 weeks to the mutually agreed destination within nine (9) months of being awarded the scholarship.

5. Funds up to the value of \$10,000 will be used to cover all flights, internal transfers, meals, accommodations, insurance, visas and passport costs.

6. The successful applicant may choose at their own expense to extend their stay.

7. RASV may at any time, at its discretion, cancel, amend or change the criteria of selection.

8. Applicants are to complete all four questions on the application form.

- Introduce yourself and provide an overview of your current involvement in the agricultural industry.

- What leadership positions have you previously held, hold currently or aspire to hold in the future?

- What do you see as one of the main challenges and areas for opportunity in your chosen sector?

- If successful, how do you plan to use the RASV Youth Travel Scholarship?

9. Applicants should include a high resolution photo of themselves taken whilst working in the agricultural industry. This photo will be used by RASV in promotional activities.

10. Shortlisted applicants will be required to attend an interview with 2-4 RASV and industry representatives at Melbourne Showgrounds prior to the Melbourne Show.

11. Interviewees will be required to expand on their application and be assessed on their general agricultural industry knowledge and suitability to travel and represent RASV.

12. Applicants' placings in the Royal Melbourne Show Livestock Competitions will not be considered. An applicant's spirit of participation and showmanship will be assessed.

13. The recipient of the RASV Youth Travel Scholarship will be announced at the Royal Melbourne Show.

14. After the 2019 Royal Melbourne Show has concluded, RASV will liaise with the successful applicant to determine the most appropriate tour/visit for the applicant to undertake.

15. The successful applicant will be required to submit a one page report after the travel experience, highlighting knowledge and learning gained together with relevant photos which may be used by promotional purposes by RASV.

16. The successful applicant will be required to attend and represent RASV during the Royal Melbourne Show and at other mutual agreed events during the year.