

2023 JB Fairfax Award for Rural & Regional Journalism and Communications

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Welcome

The Royal Agricultural Society of NSW Foundation (RASf) helps to support the development of sustainable and resilient regional and rural communities across New South Wales by promoting individual and community growth via educational scholarships and community grants. One such scholarship is the JB Fairfax Award for Rural & Regional Journalism and Communications.

Purpose: To encourage students of courses relevant to journalism, media and communications to pursue a career in rural and regional journalism/communications upon graduation.

Value: The Award includes a \$10,000 scholarship in the 2023 academic year, plus a suite of internships providing practical work experience, including:

- The Royal Agricultural Society of NSW (RAS) Media Team at the Sydney Royal Easter Show
- Australian Community Media at The Land Newspaper
- Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) in their Brisbane newsroom

Eligibility Guidelines:

- Applicants must be enrolled to study in any undergraduate or postgraduate courses of relevance at an approved Australian education provider including universities, colleges and education providers such as the Australian Film Television and Radio School.
- Applicants must demonstrate an active interest in rural and regional affairs and in pursuing a career in journalism/communications/media upon graduation.
- Applicants must be an Australian citizen or permanent resident.
- Applicants must be aged 30 years or under.

How to apply: Submit a strong article, blog post, video or audio report of up to 600 words on a topic of your choice. The piece needs to be of publication standard. Your piece may have already been published or broadcast. Please include a word count.

Selection will be based on:

- Proven interest in rural and regional issues.
- Commitment to pursuing a career in rural and regional journalism/communications.
- Academic merit as indicated by the applicant's performance during the HSC or equivalent, or prior year/s of university/college study.
- Shortlisted applicants will proceed to stage two and invited to submit a final piece on a nominated topic to proceed to the interview stage.

Applications open: Friday 1 July 2022

Stage 1 Applications close: 8 August 2022

Stage 2 Applications close: September 2022

Successful finalists interviewed: November 2022

Successful applicant notified: November 2022

Scholarship Funds Awarded: April 2023

Further information: Contact the RAS Foundation on (02) 9704 1234 or via email foundation@rasf.org.au

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Your Details

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Applicant's Name *

Title	First Name	Last Name
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Email Address *

Date of Birth *

Age as at 31st January 2023 *

Must be a number

Gender *

Male Female Indeterminate/
Intersex/
Unspecified

Postal Address *

Address

Suburb State Postcode

Contact Phone Number *

Alternate Phone Number

Home Town *

Place you originally resided

State

Which state or territory is your home town in

Are you an Australian citizen or Permanent Resident? *

Australian Citizen Permanent Resident

Are you of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent? *

Yes No

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How did you hear about the JB Fairfax Award for Rural & Regional Journalism and Communications? *

- School / University / College / TAFE RASF website
 Newspaper advertisement or article Previous JB Fairfax Award applicant RAS social media RASF email
Other

Study Details

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List the course you will be studying in 2023? *

Which university or college will you be studying at? *

Which university, college or TAFE will you be studying at.

Where is your campus located? *

Will you be studying full-time or part-time? *

- Full-time Part-time

Which year of study will you be completing in 2023? *

- 1st year 3rd year Post Graduate
 2nd year 4th year Other:

By providing this information you consent to the RAS Foundation contacting the institution where required in order to process your application.

Scholarship Information

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Are you receiving any of the following?

- Youth Allowance Other government financial assistance Tertiary Access Payment
 Austudy Scholarship Other:
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Please list any other scholarships you have applied for and/or financial assistance you will receive in 2023. This will not preclude you from being a successful applicant. *

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Supporting Statements

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Please respond to each question below in no more than 250 words:

Describe how the JB Fairfax Award for Rural & Regional Journalism and Communications would make a difference to you. *

Word count:
Must be no more than 250 words.
250 word limit

Describe your personal interest in rural and regional affairs. *

Word count:
250 word limit

Outline your career aspirations after graduation. *

Word count:
250 word limit

Submission documents

* indicates a required field

Reports and Resume

Please attach your resume and a transcript of your most recent academic achievements. For high school students, please provide your most recent school report (maximum 2 pages).

Please attach your resume (maximum of 2 pages). Note only MS Word (.doc) and Adobe PDF formats are allowed.

Attach a file:

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Please attach your academic transcript/report. Note: only MS Word (.doc) and Adobe PDF formats are allowed. *

Attach a file:

Submission of article

Submit a strong article, blog post, video or audio report of up to 600 words on a topic of your choice. The piece needs to be of publication standard. Your submitted piece may have already been published or broadcast.

Please include your word count at the end of your submission.

Article may be submitted in an MS Word (.doc) or Adobe PDF Format *

Attach a file:

Please include the word count

OR your article may be submitted as an audio or video file. Please include the relevant link and password if needed

You may utilise YouTube, Vimeo, Screencast or similar to upload your video. Please supply your link and password.

Criteria

Articles will be judged against the following criteria:

- appropriateness and significance of topic
- originality and newsworthiness
- depth of research and quality of resources
- clarity and accuracy
- grammar and writing skills

Shortlisted applicants will then be invited to progress to stage two of the application process and will be invited to submit a final piece on a topic to be advised.

Referee

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Please provide the names and contact details of a referee who may be contacted by the RASF in regard to your application. You are not required to provide a written reference.

Referee

Name of Referee: *

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Position Title and Company Name (if applicable)

Contact number *

Email Address

Referee's Relationship to Applicant

eg. Employer, colleague, mentor etc

Declaration

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The selection panel intends to make an offer to the successful applicant in November 2022. This offer will be conditional upon receipt of all information outlined above and the completion of standard university admission procedures as necessary.

Declaration by Applicant

I wish to be considered for the JB Fairfax Award for Rural & Regional Journalism and Communications as specified above.

I authorise the RAS Foundation to contact my referee as outlined above, and acknowledge that the RAS Foundation reserves the right to vary or reverse any decision regarding an award made on the basis of incorrect or incomplete information and cease further scholarship payments.

Agree to declaration * Yes

Privacy Act Statement

Information, personal or otherwise, provided by you as the applicant on this Application Form is to be used for the purpose of processing your application and any associated activity relating to the application, for RASF and RAS promotions including media activities and for archival purposes. The information will remain confidential at all times except for disclosure which you have consented to or which is required by law. You may request access to your information and request that it be corrected at any time or the facility cancelled by advising the Privacy Officer on 9704 1111 or by writing to The Privacy Officer, RASF, 1 Showground Road, Sydney Olympic Park, NSW 2127.

By submitting this application you agree to the Declaration above and to the Privacy Act Statement for this website.

I agree to the declaration and to the Yes

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Parent/Guardian Consent (for Applicants under 18 years old)

Parent/Guardian name

Contact phone number

I agree to provide consent

Yes

As the parent/guardian for the under 18 applicant completing this form, by ticking the box at the end of this paragraph I agree to and provide permission for my child to make this application. I understand that his/her details, including some private information collected in this form, will be used by the RAS and the RASF to process the application, including contacting institutions and referees to discuss my child. I agree that if my child's application is successful then his/her information may also be communicated or published (including the internet) to promote the RASF and/or the RAS. I also agree to be contacted directly on the phone number provided in the event that the RASF or the RAS have future scholarships or projects that my child may benefit from being involved in.