

Minister's Emerging Leader Award Criteria 2022

Nominations must meet at least one or both of the following categories:

1. Professional contribution

The nominee demonstrates professional excellence and leadership, and in doing so, has made an outstanding contribution to their field or profession, the community and the wider agricultural, fisheries and/or forestry sector.

2. Industry and community contribution

The nominee makes an outstanding contribution to advancing industry objectives and supporting rural and regional communities through initiatives such as advocacy, education, promoting social cohesion, collaboration, profitability, sustainability and transforming through disruption.

General criteria

For each category, nominations must detail how the nominee demonstrates the following:

- qualities commonly associated with leadership including, but not limited to, innovation, creativity, positive influence on others, strong communication skills and ethical conduct
- an outstanding contribution beyond the scope of their position or role, by taking on challenges and going "above and beyond" the demands of their day-to-day responsibilities.

Award eligibility

To be eligible for a nomination, an individual must:

- be at least 18 years old at the time of nomination
- be an Australian citizen and Queensland resident
- demonstrate their outstanding leadership and contribution to the agriculture, fisheries and/ or forestry sector, and how their leadership has influenced their profession, the wider industry or community.

Prize money of \$3000 will be used to support study or a project in their area of expertise with a short report to inform the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries of the outcomes due within six months.

Applicants may apply from any agricultural, fisheries or forestry field, including agribusiness, education, farm-based production, supply chain operations, research or policy.