



YOUNG FARMER EXCELLENCE IN AGRICULTURE AWARD

Rules and Eligibility | 2021

The Young Farmers Excellence in Agriculture Contest competition is designed as an opportunity for young farmers to earn recognition, while actively contributing and growing through their involvement in Farm Bureau and agriculture. Participants will be judged on their involvement in agriculture, leadership ability, and participation/involvement in Farm Bureau and other organizations (i.e., civic, service and community). **The ideal candidate(s) for the Excellence in Agriculture Award is an individual or couple who does not have the majority of his/her income subject to normal production risk.**

Information about the Excellence in Agriculture applicant is requested on the entry form. **All information handled is handled in strict confidence and is destroyed after judging is completed.**

ELIGIBILITY

- An applicant can be either an individual or a couple that is married. Applicants may choose to apply individually, rather than as a couple.
- Applicant(s) shall be a Farm Bureau member(s) between the ages of 18 and 35 in good standing with his/her county Farm Bureau. The individual or spouse shall have reached his/her 18th birthday at the time he/she qualifies for the national competition and shall not have reached his/her 36th birthday by Jan. 31, 2022.
- Applicant(s) must not have derived a majority of his/her income from an owned production agriculture enterprise in any of the past three years.
- Applicant(s) may only compete in **ONE** KFBF & AFBF YF&R Competition per year.
- Applicant(s) may compete in either the Outstanding Young Farm Family Contest or the Excellence in Agriculture Contest, but not both in the same year.
- Present members of the KFBF Young Farmers Committee and/or their spouse are not eligible to compete.
- Past state OYFF winners and/or previous AFBF Achievement Award competitors are not eligible to compete.
- Past state Excellence in Agriculture Contest winners and/or previous AFBF Excellence in Agriculture Award winners are not eligible to compete.
- Current employees of county, state and/or American Farm Bureaus and their affiliates are not eligible to compete.
- Each county may submit one entry to be considered for state recognition and must use the KFBF entry form and application.

ENTRY FORM & APPLICATION GUIDELINES

- Do not use applicant's name, the name of his/her state or county, or any names that may bring about the recognition or identification of the applicant's state beyond the entry form. The written versions of the application have a search feature to locate any identifiers. Verbal and presentation reference to applicants' name, state and county will be allowed during your presentation for personalization of presentation.
- The entry form and application must be completed in first person narrative (i.e. I, me, we, etc.) for questions 1-5. "A1"/"A2" may not be used for questions 1-5. Applicants must use "A1"/"A2" to denote each applicant for all of question 6.
- Do not use abbreviations or acronyms, unless it has been spelled out once with the abbreviation in parentheses behind it, ex. United States Department of Education (USDE). AFBF, FB, and YF&R are acceptable to use throughout the application.
- The attached entry form is an example of the information needed for the official online application. Authorized state representatives will have access to the online portal for official state submission. No emailed or mailed forms will be accepted.
- It will be up to the judges' discretion to deduct points if applicants include activities before they were 18.

Note: Disregarding any of the guidelines listed above will result in disqualification.

PRESENTATION GUIDELINES

- The presentation will be an interactive, 25-minute presentation, in which the applicant(s) has an opportunity to share the contents of his/her/their entire application in narrative form with a panel of three judges and the audience.
 - Applicant(s) will have 25 minutes to present on the topics addressed in the application and address questions from the judges. It will be up to the applicant(s) to determine how they use this time. Applicants will be notified by the time keeper when 10 minutes are remaining and again when five (5) minutes are remaining. Time will be called and conclude the applicant's time in front of the judges at 25 minutes.
- The only visual means in which to deliver the information is through a PowerPoint or Prezi presentation. The applicant(s) needs to submit their presentation on a USB flash drive during the Excellence in Agriculture Competitor Orientation. A computer, LCD projector, screen and one slide advancer remote will be provided. All presentations must be formatted to work on a PC. **Contestants will not be allowed to use their own computer.**
- Verbal and presentation references to applicant(s) name, state and county will be allowed during the presentation.
- No props (including notes), sound or video of any kind will be allowed during the presentation.
- Applicants and their state coordinators are not allowed to view other presentations until after they have completed their own.

JUDGING

All applications will be judged prior to the preliminary presentations. Top three applicants will present to a different set of judges at the KFB Annual Meeting.

APPLICATION

Questions 2-4 (Ag Involvement, Impact on Ag and Issues Facing Ag)	150 points	37.5%
Goals	20 points	5%
Farm Bureau Experience	120 points	30%
Other Leadership Experience	80 points	20%
Application Form	30 points	7.5%
MAXIMUM POINTS	400 points	100% (80% of Total Score)

PRESENTATION

Delivery of Presentation	40 points	40%
Content of Presentation	30 points	30%
Responses to Questions	30 points	30%
MAXIMUM POINTS	100 points	100% (20% of Total Score)

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Please submit the completed application via email or mail for consideration. No handwritten applications will be accepted. The counties entry form and application **must be received on or before 12:00 am (midnight) ET October 15, 2021.**

The data below and throughout the application applies to you and your spouse/spousal-equivalent, if married. Please indicate "Applicant 1" (A1) and "Applicant 2" (A2) when responding to question 6.

APPLICANT(S) INFORMATION

Applicant A1 Name (As you want it to appear in the event program)

Applicant A2 Name (As you want it to appear in the event program)

Street Address

City

State

Zip

Primary Phone

A1 Email Address

A2 Email Address

A1 Date of Birth

A2 Date of Birth

A1 Education/Degree

A2 Education/Degree

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A2 Education/Degree

Please attach one of the following for verification purposes:

Copy of Form 1099 or Form W-2

A letter of verification from your employer or company on letterhead that includes length of employment and a brief description of your job responsibilities

I (we) hereby certify the information on this entry form and attached application to be accurate and true statements. **KFBF does not accept liability for applications submitted incorrectly by a county Farm Bureau office.** KFBF reserves the right to use my (our) photos and/or any video footage for use in promoting Farm Bureau. The photos and/or video footage of the undersigned contestant(s) may also be available to Farm Bureau sponsors. I (we) have not derived a majority of my (our) income from an owned production agricultural enterprise in any of the past three years. **By participating in the Event, I (we) warrant that I (we) fully and unconditionally agree to and accept the YF official contest rules and the decisions of the KFBF YF Committee, which are final and binding**

A1 Signature

A2 Signature

I hereby certify that the above-named applicant(s) is the official state entry and is therefore eligible to be entered in and considered for KFBF's Young Farmers Excellence in Agriculture Award .

County President Signature

County

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

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Note: Remember to write in first person narrative (i.e. I, me, we, etc.) for questions 1-5. Remember no state-specific identifiers

1. PERSONAL BACKGROUND (family, education and personal interests) – *Approximately 2,000 characters*

2. AGRICULTURAL INVOLVEMENT

A. Please explain the applicant(s) occupation – *Approximately 2,500 characters*

2. AGRICULTURAL INVOLVEMENT (continued) - *Approximately 2,500 characters*

B. Please explain the applicant's (applicants') personal involvement in agriculture/agribusiness.

3. IMPACT ON AGRICULTURE - *Approximately 2,500 characters*

What does the applicant(s) do to positively promote and impact the agriculture industry? (May include things such as hosting farm tours, legislative visits or writing a blog.)

4. ISSUES FACING AGRICULTURE - *Approximately 5,000 characters*

- A. Agriculture faces important issues at the local, state, national and international levels. Explain three important issues that the industry needs to address in the next five years. Choose one issue from three of the four levels mentioned above.

4. ISSUES FACING AGRICULTURE (continued) - *Approximately 5,000 characters*

- B. Choose one of the issues in your response to 4A and discuss how you personally have addressed, or can address, that issue and work towards a resolution.

5. GOALS - *Approximately 5,000 characters*

What goals does the applicant(s) have for the next five years related to his/her career, Farm Bureau involvement and involvement with other organizations?

6. LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE (from age 18 to current) - Approximately 2,500 characters per section (20 lines)

- A. List Farm Bureau leadership roles, involvement opportunities, recognitions and/or awards received by the applicant(s), indicating service on committees, boards or as officers. Please include years of involvement.
Example: A1 – Elected President of the County Farm Bureau Board of Directors (2015-2016)

County Farm Bureau

State/American Farm Bureau

6. LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE (continued) - Approximately 2,500 characters per section (20 lines)

- B. List other agricultural leadership roles, involvement opportunities, recognitions and/or awards received by the applicant(s), indicating service on committees, boards or as officers. (i.e. Farm Credit, Soil Conservation, Farm Service Agency, farm cooperatives, 4-H, etc.). Please include organization, description and years of involvement.
Example: A1 & A2 - 4-H, Serves as a 4-H Livestock Club Leader (2013 - present)

- C. List other community and non-agricultural leadership roles, involvement opportunities, recognitions and/or awards received by the applicant(s), indicating service on committees, boards or as officers (i.e. civic/service clubs, church, school, volunteer leadership, etc.) Please include organization, description and years of involvement.
Example: A1 - Local Elementary School, Served as Parent Teacher Association (PTA) President (2015-2017)

6. LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE (continued) - *Approximately 250 characters*

D. Please explain any situations or circumstances that may have affected your leadership experiences.