

Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation Outstanding Young Farm Family Contest Rules for 2021 KFBF State Contest

Background

The Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation (KFBF) annually conducts an Outstanding Young Farm Family Contest. Farm Bureaus are encouraged to promote this activity with-in their county. Selection of the winning YF competitor is based on his/her efforts in production agriculture and leadership achievement. Participation in this program with individual recognition and the resulting publicity will help build the organization. **The ideal candidate(s) for the Outstanding Young Farm Family Contest is an individual or couple involved in production agriculture with a majority of his/her income subject to normal production risks.**

Information about the Outstanding Young Farm Family applicant is requested on the entry form. ALL INFORMATION 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. Applicant 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 be actively engaged in farming, with **the majority** of his/her income coming from production agriculture.
- Applicant(s) may only compete in **ONE KFBF & AFBF YF&R** competition per year.
- Present members of the KFBF Young Farmers Committee and/or their spouse are not eligible to compete.
- Past state Outstanding Young Farm Family Contest winners and/or previous AFBF Achievement Award competitors are not eligible to compete.
- Current employees of county, state and/or American Farm Bureau 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 county beyond the entry form. The application has a search feature to locate any identifiers.
- The entry form and application must be completed in first person narrative (i.e. I, me, we, etc.) for questions I-VI. Applicants must use "A1" and "A2" to denote each applicant for all of question VII.
- Do not use abbreviations or acronyms. KFBF, FB, and YF&R are acceptable to use throughout the application.

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

Judging

- The entry form and application of each entry will be coded upon receipt by KFBF. The applicant's name and state will not be revealed to the judges until judging is completed.
- Judging is based on the application sent to KFBF and an on-farm interview during the fall.
- A panel of three qualified judges will select the state winners. The Top 3 competitors will be interviewed by the same three judges who reviewed the written applications.
- On-farm interviews will be up to 2 hours in length and are intended to clear up any "gray areas" which may arise from the written application. The Top 3 competitors should understand that their on-farm interview is judged and is for verification/clarification purposes and therefore may affect final rankings.
- Values used in judging the applications will be:

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|----------------------------------|--|
| Farm Operation and Growth: | 70 points |
| Financial Progress of Operation: | 60 points |
| Farm Bureau Leadership: | 40 points |
| Other Leadership: | 30 points (Agriculture = 15 points, Community = 10 points, Goals = 5 points) |
| Total: | 200 points |



**KENTUCKY FARM BUREAU FEDERATION
OUTSTANDING YOUNG FARM FAMILY AWARD
2021 APPLICATION**

The applicant should carefully read this entry form and application carefully before filling out any part of it. The entry form and completed application **MUST** be received by **Friday, June 25, 2021** to be considered. An electronic version of the application is available online at kyfb.com/yf. Completed applications may be submitted via mail or email: Kentucky Farm Bureau, ATTN: Jackson Tolle, 9201 Bunsen Parkway, Louisville, KY 40220; or emailed to jackson.tolle@kyfb.com.

The data below and throughout the application applies to you and your spouse, if married. Please indicate "Applicant 1" (A1) for husband and "Applicant 2" (A2) for wife when applicable. Do not use applicant's name, the name of his/her county, or any names that may bring about the recognition or identification of the applicant's county beyond the front page.

Applicant(s)*: A1 _____ A2 _____
**Will be used in the program and for recognition*

Phonetic Pronunciation: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email: A1 _____ A2 _____

Date of Birth: A1 _____ A2 _____

Education/Degree: A1 _____ A2 _____

Short Courses/Specialized Study: A1 _____ A2 _____

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 OR CONTESTANTS.** 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. 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.

Applicant(s) Signature(s): A1 _____ A2 _____

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 Outstanding Young Farm Family Award.

County President: _____ Date: _____

County: _____

**KENTUCKY FARM BUREAU FEDERATION
OUTSTANDING YOUNG FARM FAMILY AWARD
2021 APPLICATION**

Note: This application should reflect the operations of the immediate past tax accounting year. Remember to complete the application using first person narration (i.e. I, me, we, etc.) for questions 1-6, and using A1 and A2 for question 7.

1. PERSONAL BACKGROUND (family, education and personal interests) – ***Approximately 1,500 characters***

2. AGRICULTURAL STATUS (Select all that apply) –

- A. Owner Renter Manager
- Please explain if:
- Partnership Corporation Joint Venture Other

Explanation – ***Approximately 250 characters:***

B. Please indicate and justify the percentage of contribution in the operation by the applicant(s) in the following areas:

_____ % personal capital involved

_____ % management/decision making

C. Please list specific responsibilities of the applicant(s) – ***Approximately 900 characters***

D. Total acres operated: _____ Acres owned: _____

E. Year applicant(s) started farming or ranching: _____

3. AGRICULTURAL OPERATION – *Approximately 1,100 characters per section*

| A. List Major Crops* | First Year: _____ | Current Year | |
|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| | <i>No. of Acres</i> | <i>No. of Acres</i> | <i>Yield per Acre</i> |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
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**Indicate if irrigated*

B. Under “Volume of Production,” indicate number of head, pounds, dozen or other appropriate measure of volume.

| Enterprise | First Year: _____ | <u>Volume of Production</u> |
|------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| | | Current Year |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
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C. Please be creative in explaining the operation if the agricultural enterprise does not fit within Sections A and B – ***Approximately 2,000 characters.***

3. AGRICULTURAL OPERATION (continued) – *Approximately 2,500 characters per section*

D. How was the agricultural operation acquired? Indicate, in narrative form, what portion of the operation was purchased or personally earned by the applicant(s), acquired through inheritance, or acquired through partnership conversion, rental, or by a contract or management arrangement.

E. List other agricultural or related business enterprises, describing the size, relationship and importance to the total operation (i.e., custom harvesting, processing, ag tourism, etc.).

3. AGRICULTURAL OPERATION (continued) - *Approximately 5,000 characters*

- F. Describe significant changes, expansion or improvement in management and marketing practices, and the acquisition of agricultural machinery, equipment and irrigation systems, and/or buildings built or devised by the applicant(s) since his/her involvement in the operation began.

4. APPLICANT'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT – Upload typed, signed and notarized document as a PDF. (No handwritten financials will be accepted.)

Note: All information submitted is regarded as confidential, and upon completion of judging, all applications are returned to the AFBF office to be destroyed.

Current market value of the **share of just the applicant(s)** of:

| A. ASSETS | First Year: _____ | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 |
|---|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1. Value of land, building & other improvements | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 2. Value of machinery & equipment | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 3. Value of livestock & poultry | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 4. Value of crops & supplies on hand | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 5. Value of cash, stocks, bonds, other personal assets | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 6. Non-ag assets (primary dwelling, rental homes, etc.) | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| TOTAL ASSETS | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| B. LIABILITIES | | | | |
| 1. Current liabilities (less than one year) | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 2. Intermediate liabilities | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 3. Long-term liabilities (10 years and up) | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| NET WORTH (total assets-total liabilities) | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| DEBT/ASSET RATIO (total liabilities/total assets) | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| C. AG EXPENSES AND RECEIPTS | | | | |
| 1. Total agricultural expenses | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 2. Total agricultural receipts | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| OPERATING EXPENSE RATIO (total ag expenses/total ag receipts) | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

Please explain any situations or circumstances that may have affected the above financial numbers:

Banker/Loan Officer/Tax Accountant Signature:

Notary Public Signature and Stamp:

4. APPLICANT'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT (continued) – Approximately 2,500 characters per section

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- D. Indicate other sources of income and property acquisition during the years the applicant(s) has been farming, such as off-farm employment, spouse/spousal-equivalent's income, gifts, prizes and/or inheritances.
- E. Discuss any unusual situations/problems that may have affected the operation that the applicant(s) has overcome and solved.

5. PROGRESS OF OPERATION (continued) - *Approximately 2,500 characters per section*

B. Describe ways in which the applicant(s) measures and evaluates the management of his/her farming operation.

C. Indicate plans the applicant(s) has for future expansion, improvements or changes in the agricultural operation.

6. GOALS - *Approximately 5,000 characters*

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

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

Note: This applies to both applicants, if applying together. Please indicate A1 and A2 when applicable.

- 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

7. LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE (from age 18 to current) - 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 and A2 – 4-H, Serves as a 4-H Livestock Club Leader (2013 – present)

| Organization | Description | Years |
|---------------------|--------------------|--------------|
|---------------------|--------------------|--------------|

- 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 (2015-2016)

Organization

Description

Years

D. Please explain any situations or circumstances that may have affected your leadership experiences.
Approximately 2500 characters