

KENTUCKY FARM BUREAU OUTSTANDING FARM BUREAU YOUTH CONTEST RULES

The purpose of the Outstanding Farm Bureau Youth Contest is to promote youth involvement in county Farm Bureau activities and to recognize leadership, achievements and awards in their schools and communities.

1. Children of all Kentucky Farm Bureau members are eligible to participate and must enter the contest in the county where the membership is paid. Contestants may only enter the contest in one county each year.
2. Contestants must be 14-years old at the time of the county contest, but not have reached 19-years old by January 1 of the following year.
3. A contestant who is married before the state contest is ineligible to enter.
4. Prior first place state winners are ineligible to enter.
5. Contestant dress for county and district level competitions is business attire (**no jeans**). For the state contest, females should wear business attire (suits, slacks, or skirts) and the males should wear suits (coat and tie). Youth organizational attire (i.e. FFA, 4-H, and FCCLA) is acceptable on all levels: county, district, and state.
6. The contestant's school grades for the past two years, certified by a school official, must be attached, along with a one-page extra-curricular activities listing, to the application form.
7. If for any reason the county or district winner is disqualified or cannot participate, the first runner-up will represent that county or district. All district winners are expected to attend the state annual meeting unless an emergency occurs.
8. The contest will consist of a personal interview (not to exceed seven minutes). During the personal interview, contestants will be asked about school activities, special interests, and career goals. The personal interview is followed by the on-stage portion of the competition. The on-stage portion consists of a two-minute prepared speech given by the contestant on a topic relating to Farm Bureau or agriculture. The contestant will be penalized a total of five points if the prepared speech exceeds two minutes.
9. The state Outstanding Farm Bureau Youth Contest is held during the Kentucky Farm Bureau Annual Meeting in Louisville in early December.