

# Yates County Farm Bureau

March 2022



Dear Yates County Farm Bureau Member,

*“We believe in the right of every person to choose an occupation; to be rewarded according to his contribution to society; to save, invest or spend; and to convey his property to the next generation.”*

The quote above is taken from the New York Farm Bureau Policy Book and is something that Yates County Farm Bureau agrees with strongly.

With this particular quote in mind, we’re excited to announce our new scholarship opportunity, **Tools of the Trade**. This scholarship will be available to anyone between the ages of 17 and 35 in Yates County who is interested in pursuing a career in a skilled trade. Not like a traditional scholarship, it would allow recipients to purchase tangible items needed to be successful in their chosen occupation. It will also be available to young professionals to pay for licenses, certifications or training, helping to increase and enhance the skilled workforce in our community.

With 2022 being our first year for this exciting scholarship opportunity, we’ve set a goal to raise \$5,000 for the **Tools of the Trade** scholarship fund and we need **YOUR HELP**. To achieve our goal, we are planning an event called **Tools, Trades & Trivia** which will be held on **Saturday, April 16** at Climbing Bines Hop Farm and Craft Ale Brewery in Penn Yan. Tickets for the event can be purchased at three Penn Yan locations: Longs Cards & Books on Main Street; CCE Yates County on Liberty Street; and Climbing Bines Hop Farm & Brewery on Hansen Point Road.

A **Tools, Trades & Trivia Team Registration Form** is available inside this newsletter. We hope you’ll consider entering your own trivia team for this exciting event. Your \$25 per person registration will get you a great chicken BBQ dinner, two hours of trivia, access to our silent auction and live auction, and a fun evening all around. Monies raised will be put right back into our community with a great scholarship being made available to our young adults pursuing a career in a skilled trade.

For this premier Yates County event, we are seeking donated items for both a silent and live auction. Donations can be in the form of goods, services or direct monetary contributions. Information for making a donation to this event can be found on the back page of this newsletter.

Additionally, we are seeking volunteers for two auction committees (at least three members per committee). The first committee will be charged with securing items and organizing the silent auction. The second committee will be responsible for securing items and organizing the live auction. Please consider volunteering, as we really need your helping hands. You can contact either Triana at 315-536-2212 or myself (John) at 315-595-6198. You can also reach out via email at [yatesyfnr@gmail.com](mailto:yatesyfnr@gmail.com)

Thank you in advance for your willingness to be involved in this exciting new endeavor of Yates County Farm Bureau. Let’s all work together so that we can offer our young professionals the skills and support they need to enter the Yates County workforce and community.

Respectfully,

*John Kriese*, Member

Yates County Farm Bureau Board

*Triana Burgos-Farnan*, Chair

Young Farmers & Ranchers Committee

## HOW THE “TOOLS OF THE TRADE” SCHOLARSHIP WAS BORN

Yates County Farm Bureau is excited to announce plans for an innovative scholarship titled “Tools of the Trade.” The brainchild of Yates County Farm Bureau board members Triana Burgos-Farnan and John Kriese, this brand-new scholarship program will be used to encourage and support young adults between the ages of 17 and 35 in Yates County who are interested in pursuing a career in a skilled trade.

According to Mr. Kriese, “the need to help young adults to enter the skilled trades has never been greater.” Current and projected labor statistics indicate that there are shortages of skilled and motivated workers in almost every segment of the skilled trades in New York, as well as the nation.

“The unique and innovative scholarship is designed to empower life-long learning as well as providing financial assistance for trade-specific tools, trainings, and certifications”, stresses Kriese. “There are many opportunities and scholarships for learners who are pursuing formalized college programs, but there isn’t a lot of financial help and encouragement for people who are passionate about pursuing careers in the skilled trades”.

“We are hoping that this scholarship program will help

young leaders to understand that life-long learning is a fundamental keystone for building career success” explains Kriese. “Professions within the skilled trades are dynamic, and are ever-evolving due to the incredible rate of technology integration into the workplace” he adds. “We owe it to our community to help with the development of a forward-thinking workforce who strives to improve and to expand their knowledge base.

The upcoming **Tools, Trades & Trivia** event fundraiser will serve as the kick-off event to raise funds for the **Tools of the Trade** scholarship. Held on Saturday, April 16 at the Climbing Bines Craft Ale & Hop Farm, it promises to be an exciting event working towards supporting our community and all are encouraged to attend.

“We really want to create an activity which could unite Farm Bureau members, FFA alumni and supporters, as well as young agricultural professionals for the good of a common cause”, states Burgos-Farnan. “We are extremely excited about our ideas, and we believe that our efforts will make direct and positive outcomes in the lives for many aspiring young people in our Yates County community”

### WHAT CAN TOOLS OF THE TRADE OFFER?



The **Tools of the Trade** scholarship fund would allow recipients to purchase industry specific tools. Investment in trade-specific tools can be as expensive as tuition for a college degree.

Helping to defray the costs of obtaining specialized licenses, certifications or in-service requirements is another benefit.

From pesticide applicator training to obtaining commercial driver’s licenses, Yates County Farm Bureau is interested in helping to provide the

necessary assistance for our young workforce.



Embracing the concept of developing leadership, events such as industry-specific trade shows, conventions, and annual meetings can be included in this scholarship. Such events can be very motivational and help to empower the workforce

through idea generation and expanded networking.

Applicants will be eligible for a maximum grant of \$500 per year, and will be encouraged to apply more than once.

We envision the signature fundraiser **Tools, Trades & Trivia** will become an annual event for Yates County Farm Bureau. If you are interested in making a donation to this program, please contact either Trianna Burgos-Farnan at 315-536-2212 or John Kriese at 315-595-6198 or email: [yatesyfnr@gmail.com](mailto:yatesyfnr@gmail.com) and they will gladly assist you with the details.

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Mrs. Carlie Bossard  
Penn Yan Academy



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# TOOLS, TRADES & TRIVIA

SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2022

Doors open at 5:30 pm

**CLIMBING BINES HOP FARM & BREWERY**  
511 Hansen Point Road, Penn Yan, NY



**\$25 per person for Dinner & Trivia Team Registration**

**Tickets Include:**

- Chicken BBQ Dinner catered by Wagner Restaurant with chef Andrew Jensen.
- 2 hours of engaging trivia action courtesy of FLX Trivia with Nate Baker.
- Silent Auction items available to bid on.
- Live Auction with auctioneer Brayden Webber.



**Teams of up to 8 answering questions on:**

- Agriculture
- Agriculture Careers
- FFA
- History of Farm Bureau in New York State



*HOSTED BY*  
Yates County Farm Bureau

*PROCEEDS RAISED* go to fund a brand new **Tools of the Trade** scholarship program aimed at young adults interested in pursuing a skilled trade.

**2022 TOOLS, TRADES & TRIVIA!**

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Contact email: \_\_\_\_\_

List of Participants:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
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6. \_\_\_\_\_
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8. \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail Completed Registration Form and Registration Fee (\$25 per team member) to:**

Triana Burgos-Farnan  
2735 Gray Road  
Penn Yan, NY 14527-9554

**Registration & Payment  
Due April 1, 2022**

Make checks payable to:  
**Yates County Farm Bureau**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

Contact Triana Burgos-Farnan at 315-536-2212 or John Kriese at 315-595-6198.

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## WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A SPONSOR OF OUR TOOLS, TRADES & TRIVIA EVENT?

Yates County Farm Bureau will be hosting its very first **Tools, Trades & Trivia** event, Saturday, April 16, 2022 at Climbing Bines Hop Farm & Brewery. Money raised will go towards our newly announced **Tools of the Trade** scholarship program being established for young adults between the ages of 17 to 35 in Yates County seeking assistance to learn a skilled trade or further enhance their trade skill set for the community.

If you'd like to become a sponsor by making a donation of goods, or if you'd like to make a monetary donation to our event, please contact Triana Burgos Farnan at 315-536-2212 or John Kriese at 315-595-6198. You can also email [yatesyfnr@gmail.com](mailto:yatesyfnr@gmail.com).

### LEVELS OF SPONSORSHIP

- **Become a Gold Sponsor:** Donate \$250 and up or equivalent in merchandise or gift certificate and receive: Name/logo listed in program and featured on PowerPoint slide, **PLUS** registration and dinner for team of up to six people.
- **Become a Silver Sponsor:** Donate \$100 - \$249 or equivalent in merchandise and receive: name/logo listed in program and featured on PowerPoint slide.
- **Become a Bronze Sponsor:** Donate up to \$100 or equivalent in merchandise and receive your name/logo listed in the program.