



2020 NYFB YOUNG FARMERS & RANCHERS

EXCELLENCE IN AGRICULTURE AWARD

Eligibility:

- An applicant can be either an individual or a couple that is married or has spousal-equivalent or similar legal rights under the law applicable to NY. Applicant may choose to apply individually, rather than as a couple.
- Applicant(s) must be a regular Farm Bureau Member between the ages of 18-35. The individual or spouse/spousal-equivalent shall not have reached his/her 36th birthday by 1/31/21.
Co-applicants must meet age requirements.
- Applicant(s) must not have derived a majority of his/her net income coming from an owned production agriculture enterprise in any of the past three years.
- Previous state winners are ineligible.
- Past and present members of the AFBF Young Farmers & Ranchers Committee and/or their spouse are not eligible to compete.
- Past state YF&R Achievement Award winners and/or previous AFBF Achievement Award competitors are not eligible to compete.
- Previous AFBF Excellence in Agriculture Award competitors are not eligible to compete.
- Current employees or agents of county, state and/or the American Farm Bureau organizations and their affiliates are not eligible to compete. An affiliate is defined as an entity owned or controlled in whole or in part by another entity through, for example, ownership (including partial ownership) or positions on the board of directors. Past employees who were responsible for implementing any of the YF&R Competitive Events at the state or national level are ineligible.

Judging:

A team of qualified judges will select up to three finalists from all applications received. The finalists will be notified so they can work on their presentation. The finalists' applications will be used for the selection of the New York State winner. The state winner is selected through an application review and a different panel of judges score virtual presentations that will be held in the fall.

The values used in judging this award include:

<u>Application</u>		<u>Approx. %</u>	
Questions 2-4	180 points	45.0%	
*Ag Involvement, Impact on Ag and Issues Facing Ag			
Goals	40 points	10.0%	
Farm Bureau Experience	90 points	22.5%	
Other Leadership Experience	80 points	20.0%	
Application Form	<u>10 points</u>	<u>2.5%</u>	
* Writing should be clear, descriptive, and free of grammatical errors.			
MAXIMUM POINTS	400 points	100%	(80% of Total Score)
<u>Presentation</u>			
Delivery of Presentation	30 points	30%	
Content of Presentation	40 points	40%	
<u>Responses to Questions</u>	<u>30 points</u>	<u>30%</u>	
MAXIMUM POINTS	100 points	100%	(20% of Total Score)

The state winner will represent New York at the AFBF national competition.

COVID-19: If AFBF is unable to hold the 2021 Annual Convention in-person due to COVID-19, the competitive events will be held virtually, and all applicants should be made aware of this possibility prior to their application. If the competition will be virtual, all contestants will be given the opportunity to withdraw their application for 2021 to ensure eligibility for future years.