



2021 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 1/31/22. Co-applicants must meet age requirements.
- Applicant(s) must not have derived a majority of his/her gross income coming from an owned production agriculture enterprise in any of the past three years.
- Previous state winners are ineligible. See AFBF application for detailed eligibility requirements.

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:

Application Approx. %

Questions 2-4:	150 points	37.5%
Farm Bureau Experience:	120 points	30%
Other Leadership Experience:	80 points	20%
Goals:	20 points	10%
Application Form:	<u>30 points</u>	<u>2.5%</u>
MAXIMUM POINTS	400 points	100% (80% of Total Score)

Presentation (Finalists)

Delivery of Presentation:	40 points	40%
Content of Presentation:	30 points	30%
Responses to Questions:	<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 virtual national competition.
COVID-19: If AFBF is unable to hold the 2022 Annual Convention in-person due to COVID-19, the competitive events will be held virtually.

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE RETURNED TO NEW YORK FARM BUREAU
POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN AUGUST 27, 2021!**

INSTRUCTIONS for completing the application:

First, please carefully read through the entire application.

All rules and guidelines stated on AFBF application must be followed. Applications will be held in the strictest confidence. They will be coded and identified by a code number until final selections are made.

Please make every effort not to identify yourself on the application portion of this form (i.e. Application must be completed in the first person narrative (i.e. I, me, we, etc.) for questions 1-5. Applicants must use “A1” & “A2” to denote each applicant for all of question 6.

Do not specify county, town, etc. by name.

Do not use abbreviations or acronyms, unless it has been spelled out once with abbreviation in parentheses behind it. AFBF, FB, and YF&R are acceptable throughout the application.

Questions have word/character limits. Be sure to utilize all the allocated space for your answers.

Before submitting your application, we recommend that you have other people review your application for spelling errors, wording improvement, etc... This application will be the application that is judged for the state award. If you are the state winner, you will have a limited amount of time to refine the application before it is submitted to the national competition.

Applications must be processed on a computer. To obtain a computer copy of this application, visit the YF&R section of the NYFB website: www.nyfb.org or email your request to yfr@nyfb.org.

After completing the application, return it to New York Farm Bureau,
Attn: YF&R, 159 Wolf Road Suite 300, Albany, New York 12205.

Applications must be postmarked no later than August 27, 2021.

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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)*: 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 _____

Please provide one of the following for verification purposes – ***upload to the application site:***

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. **AFBF DOES NOT ACCEPT LIABILITY FOR APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED INCORRECTLY BY A STATE FARM BUREAU OFFICE.** AFBF 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&R official contest rules and the decisions of the AFBF YF&R Committee, which are final and binding.

COVID-19

If AFBF is unable to hold the 2022 Annual Convention in-person due to COVID-19, the competitive events will be held virtually. In the event of virtual competitions, changes in timing and format of the competitions are likely to be required. For example, some portions of the competition may take place prior to the virtual convention. Applicants will be advised as soon as possible after the decision is made. If the competitions will be virtual, all contestants will be given the opportunity to withdraw their applications for 2022 to ensure eligibility for future years.

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

**American Farm Bureau Federation
Young Farmers & Ranchers Excellence in Agriculture Award**

2022 Application

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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 – ***Approximately 2,500 characters***

A. Please explain the applicant(s) occupation.

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

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

3. IMPACT ON AGRICULTURE - *Approximately 5,000 characters*

Clearly describe the efforts the applicant(s) have taken to positively promote and impact the agriculture industry. Examples may include things such as hosting farm tours, legislative visits, writing a blog, etc.

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. For example, an applicant might select ag literacy as a local issue, mental health as a state issue and rural broadband as a national issue.

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? What steps have been made to reach these goals?

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

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 (2018-2019)*

County Farm Bureau

State/American Farm Bureau

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

- 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 (2018 – 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 (2018-2020)

If you had any situations or circumstances that may affect your leadership experiences, please use this space to explain. If you don't have any situations or circumstances, please leave blank.

Approximately 250 characters

Note: There are no points associated to this section and can be left blank.