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

## 2023 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 (applicants') occupation.

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

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

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

   Clearly describe the efforts the applicant(s) has 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***
*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 (2020-2021)*

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

B. List <u>other agricultural</u> 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 (2019 – present)*

C. List other <u>community and non-agricultural</u> 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 (2018-2021)*

If you had any situations or circumstances that may have affected your leadership experience, please use this space to explain. ***Approximately 250 characters***
*Note: There are **no** points associated to this section and can be left blank.*