

**ARKANSAS FARM BUREAU FEDERATION
YOUNG FARMER & RANCHER
EXCELLENCE IN AGRICULTURE AWARD APPLICATION**

BACKGROUND

The Farm Bureau Excellence in Agriculture Award Program is designed as an opportunity for Young Farmers & Ranchers who do not derive the majority of their income from an owned agricultural operation, while actively contributing and growing through their involvement in Farm Bureau and agriculture, to earn recognition. Participants will be judged on their involvement in agriculture, leadership ability, involvement and participation in Farm Bureau and other organizations (i.e., civic, service and community).

Information about the Excellence in Agriculture applicant is requested on the entry form. **ALL INFORMATION IS HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND IS DESTROYED AFTER JUDGING IS COMPLETE.**

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must be members in good standing with their county Farm Bureaus.

An applicant can be either an individual or a married couple. If married, husband and wife may apply as individuals or as co-applicants.

Applicant(s) must be Farm Bureau members or a Farm Bureau member family who do not derive the majority of their income from an owned agricultural operation.

Contestants shall be Farm Bureau members between the ages of 18 and 35. Individual or spouse shall not have reached their 36th birthday by January 31st after the AFBF National Convention at which the contest is held.

County, state and American Farm Bureau employees are not eligible.

Contestants may not derive a majority of their income from an owned agricultural operation.

JUDGING CRITERIA

The applications will be judged by one set of judges.

Application Section	Points	Approx. %
Questions II – IV	60	30%
V. Farm Bureau Experience	50	25%
VI. Leadership Experience	70	35%
Application Form i.e., neatness, readability, following instructions	20	10%
MAXIMUM POINTS	200	100%

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The applicant should carefully read through this entry form and application before filling out any part of it. Please return to Arkansas Farm Bureau, Attention: Harry Willems, P.O. Box 31, Little Rock, AR 72203-0031, or e-mail at harry.willems@arfb.com by the date specified on www.arfb.com.

NOTE: This application applies to you and your spouse, if married. Please indicate "H" (Husband) and "W" (Wife), when applicable.

1. Applicant(s):
2. Address:
3. City & State:
4. Zip Code: - -
5. Phone: - - -
6. Email:
7. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): (Husband) / / (Wife) / /
8. Age: (Husband) (Wife)
9. County:
10. Member #:
11. Education/Degree: (Husband)
- (Wife)
12. Short courses or other specialized study:
13. Names/Ages of Children:

I (we) hereby certify the information on this entry form and attached application to be accurate and true statements, made to the best of my (our) ability.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Spouse Signature _____ Date _____

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Provide a five to seven (5 -7) line biographical sketch.

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I. Personal Background

Married Single Children:

Education Level:

II. A. How is your occupation involved in agriculture/agribusiness?

B. Please explain your personal involvement in production agriculture (daily, seasonal):

III. What opportunities exist for you to have a positive impact on agriculture?

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IV. List and explain three important issues that agriculture needs to address in the next five years.

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V. Farm Bureau Experience

NOTE This applies to you and your spouse, if married. Please indicate "H" (Husband) and "W" (Wife), when applicable.

List leadership roles you and your spouse have fulfilled in Farm Bureau indicating service on committees, boards or as officers.

County Farm Bureau	Years

State Farm Bureau	Years

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VI. Leadership Experience

- A. Other agricultural leadership positions held by you and your spouse such as Farm Credit, PCA, Federal Land Bank, Soil Conservation, REC, FSA, ASC or other farm cooperatives.**

Organization	Leadership Role

- B. Community and Service Programs participated in by you and your spouse and leadership given. (Civic, service clubs, church, school, etc.)**

Organization	Leadership Role

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C. List significant offices held or awards achieved while you or your spouse participated in youth organizations, such as FFA and 4-H.

Organization	Leadership Role

D. What additional award(s) and recognition have you or your spouse received in the past?

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E. What are your leadership goals for the next five years?

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