



Outstanding Young Agriculturalist Award

Sponsored by the
VFB Women's and
Young Farmers' Committees
Rules and Application

Purpose

- To recognize High school junior or senior students for outstanding academic, community and agribusiness achievement. (must be a junior or senior on April 1 of the year of competition)
- To encourage students to evaluate their progress and career goals.
- To stimulate the student's interest in striving for leadership opportunities and involvement in agriculture and/or the agribusiness sector.

Judging and Deadline

****Application must be completed and submitted by April 1 to:**

VFBF Women's and Young Farmer Dept., PO Box 27552, Richmond, VA 23261

Applications received by the deadline will be distributed to the respective District Farm Bureau Young Farmers Representatives who will arrange a district competition to select the district winner (in each of 9 districts) by May 1st. All applicants will be notified of standings by mail or e-mail; winners will be given additional instructions for the state competition at that time.

Oral presentation must be prepared prior to district competition.

District winners will compete for the state title at the Young Farmers Summer Expo held late July to early August with final location to be announced at a later date.

Judging Criteria

The following point values will be used by the judges in scoring this award.

- 20 points Academic
- 20 points General Leadership
- 25 points Farm/Agriculture-related Experience
- 10 points Recommendations
- 25 points Oral Presentation

Awards and Recognition

- The state winner will receive an award valued at approximately \$1,000 including: \$250 from Virginia Farm Credit Associations and \$750 from the VFBF Young Farmer Committee and VFBF Women's Committee.
- All district winners and a parent, if desired, will have hotel and meal expenses covered during the Young Farmers Summer Expo competition. Competition will include making your presentation and answering a few questions during a 10-15 minute interview process.
- Each district winner, other than the state winner, will receive a \$100 award from Virginia Farm Credit Associations.

For more information contact:

Women's & Young Farmer Department
P.O. Box 27552, Richmond, VA 23261
Phone: 804-290-1031 www.vafb.com

(A Word document file of this application can be requested by e-mailing ron.saacke@vafb.com.

This application may be duplicated and extra paper may be used as needed to answer questions.)

Application deadline is April 1

Outstanding Young Agriculturalist Award Application



Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Telephone Number: (_____) _____

Parent's Name(s): Father _____ Mother _____

County: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Email Address _____

High School: _____ (circle one) Junior/Senior

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: (_____) _____

Principal's Name: _____

1. Academic – 20 points

Please attach a **copy** of your high school transcript. Grade point average: _____

What was your favorite class this year and why? _____

What are your current and future academic goals? _____

2. General Leadership – 20 points

- a. List the organizations in which you are a member. Describe your leadership role in each and/or the projects or activities involved. (Include high school, church, civic, sports, etc.)

- b. Describe your off-farm work experience including name of employer and skills developed.

3. Farm/Ag-Related Experience – 25 points

- a. Describe your participation and leadership roles in 4-H, FFA, Farm Bureau and other agriculture related organizations.

- b. Describe your on-farm work experience and any other farm-related experiences.

- c. Describe your county and/or State Fair participation.

- d. Why do you feel you should be selected to receive the Outstanding Young Agriculturalist Award?

4. Recommendations – 10 points

- a. Please **attach three letters of recommendation**. One must be school-related and one must be Agriculture related. The third may be from any other organization in which you have been involved.
- b. Please attach a high quality photograph or e-mail digital copy that can be used on posters and for publicity purposes. (preferably a high school year book photo)
- c. Please attach a copy of your current school transcript.

5. Oral Presentation – 25 points

- a. Theme: *Farm Bureau - Building the Leaders of Tomorrow*
- b. Presentation will be 3-5 minutes in length

Please provide a 5-7 line personal biography in third person for use on posters and displays:

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____



Send completed application to:

Virginia Farm Bureau Women and Young Farmers Department
P. O. Box 27552, Richmond, VA 23261 or e-mail to ron.saacke@vafb.com