

GENERAL INFORMATION
50th ANNUAL TENNESSEE YOUNG FARMER OF THE YEAR
ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS PROGRAM

1. This is the 50th year this program has been offered by the Tennessee Farm Bureau in cooperation with the Tennessee Young Farmers and Ranchers and the American Farm Bureau.
2. County contestants will be recognized and presented a certificate on Friday night, **July 19**. The top two young farmers from each district will be announced at the Young Farmers Conference on Saturday morning, July 20. There will be a ten-minute interview for each of the ten finalists on Saturday morning, July 20. The District & State Winners will be announced at the Young Farmers Conference in Columbia, Tennessee on Saturday night, **July 20, 2019**.
3. **Each county contestant** will receive a \$200 cash award from TFBB provided that all requirements have been met and the application is in the TFBB office or postmarked by May 15, 2019. Two winners will be selected from each of the five Farm Bureau districts. This will be the top ten finalists, who will compete for the district and state winners. The **Ten State Finalists** will each receive \$300 cash from TFBB. All **county contestants must attend** the Friday and Saturday night banquets to receive any cash awards.
4. Each **district winner** will receive up to \$1,000 of Farm Bureau Services of their choice provided by the Tennessee Farm Bureau, Tennessee Farmers Insurance Companies, Farm Bureau Health Plans, Farmers Service, Inc., and Tennessee Livestock Producers. (Ex. Auto, Farm, Home, Life, or Health Insurance; Farm Business Analysis, Income Tax, or Livestock Marketing Services). **Winners must meet all application and normal underwriting requirements.**
5. The **state winner** will receive a years' use up to 150 hours of a Case IH Tractor, \$1,000 from TFBB, RTV loaded to keep from TFBB, \$1,000 in qualified Farm Bureau Services, and insurance on the Case IH Tractor for one-year provided by Tennessee Farmers Insurance. The **state winner and their spouse** will also receive trips to the American Farm Bureau Annual Convention in Austin, Texas on January 17-22, 2020 to compete with other state winners for national awards, AFBF YF&R Leadership Conference, and all TN YF&R Conferences. The **2nd place winner and their spouse** will receive up to 250 hours free use of a Kubota Tractor, \$1,000 in qualified Farm Bureau Services, \$1,000 cash from TFBB, trips to the American Farm Bureau Annual Convention, AFBF YF&R Leadership Conference, and all TN YF&R Conferences. The **national winner** will receive a 2020 truck to keep and paid registration to the 2020 AFBF YF&R Leadership Conference. The **national runner-up** will receive a CASE IH Farmall Tractor to keep and cash awards. *(In the event that the prizes/awards as agreed to be supplied by our sponsors are unavailable, AFBF reserves the right to substitute a prize of comparable or greater value in its sole discretion).*
6. The following rules are to be observed in the selection of each county participant:
 - a. Must be Farm Bureau members actively farming, the husband and wife being **no more than 35 years** of age. **(May not reach their 36th birthday prior to January 31, 2020)** of the National Convention).
 - b. **State Application and Entry Form of county applicants must be in the office of the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation or postmarked by May 15, 2019.** The application *must be typed* on the online version at www.tnyfr.com . The Young Farmer Application/Entry Form is in a PDF document.
 - c. The county applicants must be **sponsored by the county Farm Bureau** to be considered for state and national recognition. Applications must be signed by the County Farm Bureau President.
 - d. A panel of qualified judges will make the final selection of the state winner.
 - e. **Members of the Tennessee Young Farmers and Ranchers State Committee or their spouses will not be eligible to compete in the awards program.**
 - f. **To receive any county, district or state awards, county contestants must be present at the Young Farmer Conference and meet all qualified requirements.**

SCORECARD
TENNESSEE FARM BUREAU
YOUNG FARMER OF THE YEAR/ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

(The application will be scored on four basic areas as follows:)

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AREA 1 - FARM OPERATION & GROWTH - size, scope, yields, efficiency, etc.

AREA 2 - FINANCIAL PROGRESS OF OPERATION - This means considering all assets available to begin farming, and the utilization of those beginning assets, plus gifts, earnings, and additional borrowed capital, and evaluate the progress and growth made to the present time. By applying this principle, you will be able to compare farming operations with many variables such as beginning assets, type, size and current financial statements and net worth. **Management of the farming operation and the financial statement deserve major emphasis in this area.**

Sections II – Agricultural Status; **III** – Agricultural Operation; **IV** - Applicant's Financial Statement; **V** – Progress of Operation are included in these two areas.

AREA 3 - FARM BUREAU LEADERSHIP - There are many opportunities for leadership experiences within the Farm Bureau Organization. These leadership roles may occur on the County, State or AFBF level. They may consist of voluntary or elected position of leadership. Major emphasis in this area should be not only on the number of leadership roles but on the number of years served as well.

Section VI - (A) is included in this area.

AREA 4 – OTHER LEADERSHIP - These experiences can reflect the degree of responsibility assumed by individuals in agriculture, community, and youth activities.

Section VI - (B), (C), (D), and (E) are included in this area.

TOTAL POINTS

AREA 1 FARM OPERATION & GROWTH _____
(Maximum 70 points)

AREA 2 FINANCIAL PROGRESS OF OPERATION _____
(Maximum 60 points)

AREA 3 FARM BUREAU LEADERSHIP _____
(Maximum 40 points)

AREA 4 OTHER LEADERSHIP (Maximum 30 points) _____
(Agriculture=15 pts, Community=10 pts, Goals=5 pts)

TOTAL POINTS - 200 points _____

(Suggested announcement for county use only. To be released in newspaper during March and April. Be sure to make any changes that are appropriate to your county.)

FARM BUREAU ANNOUNCES COUNTY YOUNG FARMER OF THE YEAR ACHIEVEMENT AWARD PROGRAM

_____, President of the _____ County Farm Bureau today announced the rules for the 2019 County Young Farmer of the Year Awards Program. Any young farmer in _____ County between 18 and 35 years of age, Farm Bureau member, and cannot reach their 36th birthday prior to January 31, 2020 is eligible for the award. **The application must be typed from the online version at www.tnyfr.com.** The Young Farmer Application/Entry Form is in a PDF document. All entries must be received in the County Farm Bureau Office by _____, **2019**. (Suggested date should be set to fit county situation.)

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In addition, the county applicants will be recognized at the Annual _____ County Farm Bureau meeting on (in) _____. A story will be released in this newspaper later on in the year about the 2019 first place Young Farmer of the Year for _____ County (optional).

***COULD ALSO BE USED FOR RADIO ANNOUNCEMENT DURING MARCH AND APRIL.**

This should be changed to fit your county selection process.