GENERAL INFORMATION

51st ANNUAL TENNESSEE YOUNG FARMER OF THE YEAR
ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS PROGRAM

1. This is the 51st 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 17. The top two young farmers from each district will be announced at the Young Farmers Conference on Friday night, July 17. There will be a ten-minute interview for each of the ten finalists on Saturday morning, July 18. The District & State Winners will be announced at the Young Farmers Conference in Columbia, Tennessee on Saturday night, July 18, 2020.

3. Each county contestant will receive a $200 cash award from TFBF provided that all requirements have been met and the application is in the TFBF office or postmarked by May 15, 2020. 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 TFBF. 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 TFBF, RTV loaded to keep from TFBF, $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 San Diego, CA on January 8-13, 2021 to compete with other state winners for national awards, AFBF FUSION Conference in Portland, OR on March 12-16, 2021, and all TN YF&R Conferences. The 2nd place winner and their spouse will receive up to 250 hours use of a Kubota Tractor, $1,000 in qualified Farm Bureau Services, $1,000 cash from TFBF, trips to the American Farm Bureau Annual Convention, AFBF FUSION Conference, and all TN YF&R Conferences. The national winner will receive a 2021 truck to keep and paid registration to the 2021 AFBF FUSION 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, 2021 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, 2020. 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.

Section II – Agricultural Status; Section III – Agricultural Operation

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.

Section IV - Applicant’s Financial Statement; Section V - Progress of Operation

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 - Goals; Section VII – Leadership Experience (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 VII – Leadership Experience (B), (C) & (D) 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 ____________
FARM BUREAU ANNOUNCES COUNTY YOUNG FARMER OF THE YEAR ACHIEVEMENT AWARD PROGRAM

President of the ________________ County Farm Bureau today announced the rules for the 2020 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, 2021 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 ________________, 2020.

The state winner will receive a years’ use up to 150 hours of a Case IH Tractor, $1,000 from TFBF, RTV loaded to keep from TFBF, $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 San Diego, CA on January 8-13, 2021 to compete with other state winners for national awards, AFBF FUSION Conference in Portland, OR on March 12-16, 2021, and all TN YF&R Conferences. The 2nd place winner and their spouse will receive up to 250 hours use of a Kubota Tractor, $1,000 in qualified Farm Bureau Services, $1,000 cash from TFBF, trips to the American Farm Bureau Annual Convention, AFBF FUSION Conference, and all TN YF&R Conferences. The national winner will receive a 2021 truck to keep and paid registration to the 2021 AFBF FUSION 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).

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 2020 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.