

Outstanding Young Farm Employee *Summary*



Background

Virginia Farm Bureau conducts the Young Farm Employee Award to recognize those young farmers ages 18 to 35 who are successful young agriculturalists with outstanding leadership in farming and throughout the agricultural community, and for their commitment to production agriculture through their on-farm employment.

The ideal candidate for the Young Farm Employee Award is an individual who works full or part-time on a farm, is not a majority owner in the operation, and impacts the overall success and owner profits on a daily basis.

Virginia Farm Bureau will provide the top candidates an expense-paid trip to the VFB Young Farmers Summer Expo where finalists will conduct an interview with judges to determine a statewide winner. All finalists will be recognized for their achievements during Summer Expo and the winner will be recognized at the VFBF Convention in November.

Eligibility

Competitors must:

- **Be nominated** by anyone interested in recognizing them for their hard work and achievements on the farm and in the agriculture community **by Nov. 30th**.
- **Submit a completed Outstanding Young Farm Employee application by Feb. 28th**
- **Nominee/applicant does not need to be a Farm Bureau member**, but must be between 18 and 35 years of age by the application deadline.
- Past winners of this award, the Excellence In Agriculture, or Achievement Award may not enter.
- Nominee/applicant must be actively employed in a farming or ranching operation in Virginia and must not be a majority owner.
- Farm Bureau employees are not eligible, this also includes affiliated companies.

Completed Outstanding Young Farm Employee applications received by VFB W&YF Dept. will undergo a review process to select the finalists. Finalists will be notified and additional information about attendance requirements at Young Farmers Summer Expo will be detailed at that time. Final judging will take place at the Summer Expo.

Prizes

The state winner of the Outstanding Young Farm Employee award will receive a commemorative plaque and \$500. Two other state finalists will each receive \$250. Cash awards are courtesy of First Bank AgCredit. The winner will be recognized at the VFBF Convention in November.

Outstanding Young Farm Employee Nomination



Nomination for the Outstanding Young Farm Employee can be made by anyone who is interested in recognizing a qualifying Young Farmer. Please see "summary" page for details.

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On this ___ day of _____, _____, I nominate _____
of _____ County for the VFB Outstanding Young Farm Employee
award.

Reason(s) for nomination:

Address and contact information for nominee:

Nominee: _____

Address: _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

e-mail: _____ **phone:** _____

Nominator's name _____

phone _____

e-mail _____

Nominator's signature _____

Nominations must be sent by November 30th to:

Virginia Farm Bureau Attn: W&YF Dept.

P. O. Box 27552

Richmond, VA 23261

Form can be submitted electronically to: ron.saacke@vafb.com

An Outstanding Young Farm Employee application will be mailed to the nominee with a letter of congratulations once this form is received by VFB. To receive additional information about contests please contact us at YoungFarmers@vafb.com or call 804-514-4202.