



# Environmental Stewardship Award

## **Purpose:**

To recognize outstanding environmental stewardship efforts by Farm Bureau Young Farmers and to increase public awareness of the agricultural community's commitment to environmental stewardship by publicizing winners' accomplishments, while encouraging environmental preservation and best management practices on farms.

## **Eligibility:**

Young Farmers who

- were nominated by anyone interested in recognizing Young Farmers using an approved nomination form (see page 2 – due Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>)
- are Farm Bureau members in good standing with their county Farm Bureau and between the ages of 18 and 35 years. (full-time or part-time farmers are included)
- have evaluated the potential environmental & wildlife effects of practices, structures and conditions on their farm.
- have a plan to deal with significant environmental/conservation problems and opportunities.
- have shown significant progress in implementing their plan over two to four years or longer.
- submit a completed Environmental Stewardship application by February 28<sup>th</sup>.

## **Procedure:**

**Nominations must be sent by November 30<sup>th</sup>** to Virginia Farm Bureau (VFB), Attn: W&YF Dept., P. O. Box 27552, Richmond, VA 23261 or e-mailed to [ron.saacke@vafb.com](mailto:ron.saacke@vafb.com). Nominees will receive a certificate and a letter stating who nominated them, along with a copy of the full application and requirements.

Nominees can use any of their local resources for help in filling out the application including: County Extension Service, Farm Service Agency, Soil and Water Conservation District, agribusiness consultants, etc. .

The state winner will receive an expense paid trip to join in the Young Farmers and be recognized during the Awards Breakfast at the VFB Convention in November.

## **Awards:**

District winners will be presented with a Young Farmer Environmental Stewardship sign suitable for outdoor display at the farm entrance or similar location and a trip to the VFB Young Farmers Summer Expo in July. The state winner will also receive a cash award and a personalized plaque to commemorate their award.

Virginia Farm Bureau Young Farmers  
**Environmental Stewardship Nomination**



Nomination for the Environmental Stewardship Award can be made by anyone who is interested in recognizing qualified Young Farmers for their outstanding environmental efforts. Please see "summary" page for details.

On this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, I nominate \_\_\_\_\_  
of \_\_\_\_\_ County for the VFB Young Farmer Environmental  
Stewardship Award.

**Reason(s) for nomination:**

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**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 30<sup>th</sup> 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***

A VFB Young Farmers Environmental Stewardship application will be mailed to the nominee with a certificate and letter of congratulations stating who nominated the individual(s). Completed applications will be due February 28<sup>th</sup>. To receive additional information about contests please contact us at YoungFarmers@vafb.com or call 804-290-1032.