



# Outstanding Young Agriculturalist Award

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

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## Purpose

- To recognize High school junior or senior students for outstanding academic, community and agribusiness achievement. (must be a junior or senior on March 31 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 March 31 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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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

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## Awards and Recognition

- The state winner will receive a cash scholarship of \$1,500 including: \$250 from Virginia Farm Credit Associations, \$500 from VFBF Service Corporation under the Dodge Incentive Program, & \$750 from the VFBF Young Farmers & Women's Committees.
- 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 and \$100 from VFBF Service Corporation under the Dodge Program.

For more information contact:

Women & Young Farmers Department  
P.O. Box 27552, Richmond, VA 23261  
Phone: 804-290-1031 [www.vafb.com](http://www.vafb.com)

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

**This application may be duplicated and up to 2 pages can be added as needed to answer questions.**

**Application deadline is March 31**

# 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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High School: \_\_\_\_\_ (circle one) Junior/Senior

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Principal's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 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? \_\_\_\_\_

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What are your current and future academic goals? \_\_\_\_\_

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**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.)

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

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**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.

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

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

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

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**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.

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**5. Oral Presentation – 25 points (Presentation will be made during the district and final competitions)**

- a. Theme: *Growing Agriculture's Future*
- b. Presentation will be 3-5 minutes in length -- no need to send with application, but must be ready for competition at district and/or state level.

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

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Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



Send completed application to:

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