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

1. This is the 52nd 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 participants will be recognized and presented a certificate on Friday night, July 16. The top two young farmers from each district will be announced at the Young Farmers Conference on Friday evening, July 16. There will be a ten-minute interview for each of the ten finalists on Saturday morning, July 17. The District & State Winners will be announced at the Young Farmers Conference in Columbia, Tennessee on Saturday night, July 17, 2021.

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 15th. Two winners will be selected from each of the five Farm Bureau districts. These will be the top ten finalists, who will compete for the district and state winners. The state winner will be selected from the district winners, but the state 2nd place winner may or may not be a district winner contingent upon their overall placement in the top ten. The Ten State Finalists will each receive $300 cash from TFBF. All contestants must attend the Friday and Saturday night banquets to receive any cash awards.

4. Each district winner will receive up to $1,000 reimbursement in Farm Bureau Services of their choice provided by the Tennessee Farm Bureau, Tennessee Farmers Insurance Companies, Farm Bureau Health Plans, and Farmers Service, Inc. (Ex. Auto, Farm, Home, Life, or Health Insurance; Farm Business Analysis, Income Tax.). 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 Atlanta, Georgia on January 7-12, 2022 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 TFBF, 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 2022 truck to keep and paid registration to the 2022 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 38th birthday prior to January 31, 2022 of the National Convention.
   b. State Application-Entry Form of the county applicants must be in the office of the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation or postmarked by May 15, 2021
   c. The application MUST BE TYPED (not hand-written) on the online PDF version at www.tnfarmbureau.org/young-farmer-of-the-year.
   d. The county applicants must be sponsored by the county Farm Bureau to be considered for state and national recognition. Application must be signed by the County Farm Bureau President.
   e. Applicant(s) may compete in multiple state YF&R Competitions each year.
   f. Applicant(s) may only compete in one national YF&R Competition per year.
   g. Past and present members of the AFBF Young Farmers & Ranchers Committee and/or their spouse are not eligible to compete.
   h. Present members of the TN YF&R Young Farmers & Rancher Committee and/or their spouse are not eligible to compete.
   i. Past state YF&R Achievement Award winners and/or previous AFBF Achievement Award competitors are not eligible to compete.
   j. Current county, state and national Farm Bureau employees and their affiliates are not eligible to compete.
   k. Each county may submit multiple entries to be considered for state recognition.
   l. To receive any county, district or state awards, county contestants must be present at the Young Farmers Conference and meet all qualified requirements.
FARM BUREAU ANNOUNCES STATE YOUNG FARMER OF THE YEAR
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD PROGRAM

(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.)

________________________________________, President of the _________________ County Farm Bureau today announced the rules for the 2021 State 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 (not hand-written) from the online PDF version at www.tnyfr.com. All entries must be received in the County Farm Bureau Office by ________________________, 2021. (Suggested date should be set to fit county situation.)

At the state contest, each county contestant will receive a $200 cash award from TFBF provided that all requirements have been met and the state application is in the TFBF office or postmarked by May 15, 2020. The Ten State Finalist will each receive $300 cash from TFBF. Each district winner will receive up to $1,000 in qualified Farm Bureau Services. 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 Atlanta, Georgia on January 7-12, 2022 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 TFBF, 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 2022 truck to keep and paid registration to the 2022 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).

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

This should be changed to fit your county selection process.
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TENNESSEE FARM BUREAU
YOUNG FARMER OF THE YEAR/Achievement Award
(The application will be scored on four basic areas as follows:)

State Application and Entry Form of the county winner must be in the office of the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation or postmarked by May 15, 2021. The application must be typed on the online version at www.tn.gov. The Young Farmer Application/Entry Form is in a PDF document.

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 goals.

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

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