

# TEXAS FARM BUREAU

## 2020 OUTSTANDING YOUNG FARMER & RANCHER CONTEST

*The information provided below represents the information that will be needed to complete the official online application.  
No emailed or mailed entry forms will be accepted.*

### 2020 RULES & AWARDS

#### BACKGROUND

Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) annually conducts an Outstanding Young Farmer & Rancher (YF&R) Contest. Selection of the winning Outstanding YF&R competitor is based on his/her efforts in production agriculture and leadership achievement. Participation in this program with individual recognition and the resulting publicity will help build the individual and the organization. The ideal candidate(s) for the Outstanding YF&R Award is an individual or couple involved in production agriculture with a majority of his/her net income subject to normal production risks. Information about the Outstanding YF&R Award applicant is requested below on the entry form.

**ALL INFORMATION IS HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE.**

#### ELIGIBILITY

- ☐ An applicant can be either an individual or a couple that is married or has similar legal rights under the law. Applicant may choose to apply individually, rather than as a couple.
- ☐ Applicant(s) must be a current member of Texas Farm Bureau. Married applicants will apply as a couple if both spouses meet all other eligibility requirements.
- ☐ Applicant(s) shall be Texas Farm Bureau member(s) between the ages of 18 and 35 in good standing with his/her county Farm Bureau. The individual or spouse shall have reached his/her 18th birthday at the time he/she qualifies for the national competition and shall not have reached his/her 36th birthday by Jan. 31, 2021.
- ☐ Applicant(s) must be actively engaged in farming and/or ranching, with the majority of his/her net income coming from production agriculture.
- ☐ Applicant(s) may compete in the Excellence in Agriculture or the Outstanding YF&R, but not both.
- ☐ Each applicant must use the Texas Farm Bureau online form and application located:
  - ☐ <https://my.texasfarmbureau.org/>.
- ☐ There is no limit on the number of entries from each county.
- ☐ Past and present members of the AFBF Young Farmer & Rancher Committee and/or their spouse are not eligible to compete.
- ☐ Past state Outstanding YF&R Award winners are not eligible to compete
- ☐ Current employees or agents of county, state and/or American Farm Bureau organizations and their affiliates are not eligible to compete. An affiliate is defined as an entity owned or controlled in whole or in part by another entity through, for example, ownership (including partial ownership) or positions on the board of directors.
- ☐ Do not use applicant's name, the name of his/her county, city, or any names that may bring about the
- ☐ recognition or identification of the applicant's city/county beyond the entry form. The written versions of the application have a search feature to locate any identifiers.
- ☐ The entry form and application must be completed in first-person narrative (i.e. I, me, we, etc.) for questions 1-6. 'A1' / 'A2' may not be used for questions 1-6.
- ☐ Applicants must use 'A1' and 'A2' to denote each applicant for all of question 7.
- ☐ Do not use abbreviations or acronyms, unless it has been spelled out once with the abbreviation in parentheses behind it. For example, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). AFBF, FB, and YF&R are acceptable to use throughout the application.
- ☐ It will be up to the judges' discretion to deduct points if applicants include activities before they were 18.

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### PHOTOGRAPHS

Applicant may provide up to four (4) pictures of the operation, and one (1) family photo. The 4 operation pictures should not identify the applicant, or his/her city or county. Pictures will need to be:

1200 pixels wide x 1600 pixels tall (4 x 6, 300 dpi) in jpg file format.

### DEADLINE

Application must be submitted by selecting the green 'Submit and Finish' button on the online application no later than **August 3, 2020**. Once the application has been submitted you cannot edit your application.

### JUDGING PROCESS

The entry form and application of each entry will be coded upon receipt by Texas Farm Bureau. The applicant's name and county will not be revealed to the judges until judging is completed.

Values used in judging at all levels will be:

Area	Points
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Farm Operation and Growth:	70
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How operation Acquired:	60
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Farm Bureau Leadership:	40
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Other Leadership:	30
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(Agriculture = 15 points, Community = 10 points, Goals = 5 points)

<b>Total:</b>	<b>200</b>
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#### DISTRICT LEVEL JUDGING

A panel of three qualified judges will select each District winner. The District winners will be judged by an additional panel of three qualified judges who will review the written applications and determine the three finalists.

#### FINAL ROUND JUDGING (THREE FINALISTS)

An additional panel of three qualified judges will review the applications and visit the top 3 finalists on their farm and/or ranch. From this process, the overall winner will be determined. The on farm/ranch interviews will be up to 3 hours in length. During the visit/interview process, only the named applicant(s) on the entry form are permitted.

### PRIZES AND AWARDS

#### DISTRICT WINNERS

1. \$1,000 cash ea. District Winner (Sponsored by Farm Bureau Bank)

#### THREE FINALISTS

1. Expense paid trip for finalist and spouse to the Texas Farm Bureau Annual Meeting in Waco, Texas, December 2020 where state winners are announced.

#### TWO FINALISTS

1. \$500 cash (sponsored by Southern Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company).

#### STATE WINNER

2. ¾ ton diesel, 4-door, 4-wheel drive pickup (sponsored by Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies).
3. \$5,000 cash (sponsored by Farm Credit).
4. Expense paid trip for the state winner and spouse to compete in the American Farm Bureau Federation Achievement Award during the 2021 AFBF Convention & Trade Show - January 8-13, 2021 in San Diego, CA (provided by TFB).

**PLEASE CHECK TFB WEBSITE FOR ADDITIONS/UPDATES TO PRIZE PACKAGES**

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### AFBF NATIONAL AWARDS

1. Prizes for the AFBF Achievement Award winner were unavailable at the time of publication.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THIS CONTEST IS ALSO AVAILABLE AT:** <http://bit.ly/TFB-YFR>

**NOTE: THIS APPLICATION SHOULD REFLECT THE OPERATIONS OF THE IMMEDIATE PAST TAX ACCOUNTING YEAR.**

**REMEMBER TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION USING FIRST-PERSON NARRATION FOR QUESTIONS 1-6 AND USING A1 AND A2 FOR QUESTION 7.**

#### FIRST-PERSON RESPONSE EXAMPLE #1:

##### PERSONAL BACKGROUND (family, education and personal interests)

*My wife, our daughter, and I live on my family's fourth-generation dairy farm. Growing up in farm families, we both knew the importance of agriculture in our lives and that we always wanted to be a part of the industry. After graduating from college with a bachelor's degree in Dairy Science, I returned to the family farm to assist my family in running the operation. My wife pursued her dream of becoming a Dental Hygienist but returned to work full-time on the family farm when we expanded our operation three years ago to include agri-tourism and a creamery. As a family, we are passionate about our agricultural way of life. We work hard to help feed the world and keep the operation sustainable for future generations.*

#### FIRST-PERSON RESPONSE EXAMPLE #2

### 6. GOALS

**A. What goals does the applicant(s) have for the next five years related to his/her career, Farm Bureau involvement, and involvement in other organizations?**

*Agriculture is an important aspect of our lives; it is in fact our livelihood, one that we are very proud of. As we discuss our future goals for the next five years, the most important goal is to continue to grow our family's dairy operation, as well as our creamery and agri-tourism. One of the dominant reasons behind our decision to diversify by adding the creamery and agri-tourism to our farm was the opportunity it presented to positively promote agriculture within our community. As agriculturalists, it is important to us that we do our part in informing the public on agriculture and offer the opportunity to change their perception of the industry by seeing firsthand where their food comes from. We plan to achieve this by expanding the number of field trips we offer. Farm Bureau is incredibly important to us and we look to increase our involvement over the next five years. I have been highly involved with our state membership drive over the past three years. I look to continue this involvement and hope to serve as the committee chair in the next few years with a personal goal of recruiting 20 new members each year. My wife has set a goal to serve on the County Young Farmer and Rancher Committee.*

**CONTACT INFORMATION****Full Name Applicant #1 (A1)**

FIRST	MIDDLE	LAST	SUFFIX

**Full Name - Applicant #2 (A2) (if applicable)**

FIRST	MIDDLE	LAST	SUFFIX

**Mailing Address**

ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP

**Physical Address (if different than Mailing Address)**

PHY_ADDRESS	PHY_CITY	PHY_ZIP

**Preferred Cell Phone / Email**

A1 - CELL PHONE		A1 - EMAIL	
A2 - CELL PHONE		A2 - EMAIL	

**Date of Birth**

*(All applicants shall not have reached their 36th birthday on or before January 31, 2021)*

APPLICANT (A1)	
APPLICANT (A2)	

**Education/Degree**

APPLICANT (A1)	
APPLICANT (A2)	

**Short Courses/Specialized Study**

APPLICANT (A1)	
APPLICANT (A2)	

**Please** give a 3 -line description of your operation (include uniqueness) for use during Awards & Recognition Program

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**Please** elaborate on the above description (5 to 8 lines) to be used for display purposes throughout the TFB Annual Meeting. By clicking here, I (We) Accept and Acknowledge, that I (We) have read the Rules and Eligibility page and the Online Application Submission Instruction page for the 2020 Outstanding Young Farmer & Rancher Contest.

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I (We) further acknowledge that I (We) have read, understand, and accept each requirement and eligibility in its entirety.

\_\_\_\_\_ I (We) Agree

### 1. PERSONAL BACKGROUND

**NOTE: ALL INFORMATION SUBMITTED IS REGARDED AS CONFIDENTIAL, AND UPON COMPLETION OF JUDGING, ALL APPLICATIONS ARE DESTROYED.**

1a. Personal Background - (family, education and personal interests) *(Max of 1500 characters)*

### 2. AGRICULTURAL STATUS

2b-1. Total % Personal capital involved \_\_\_\_\_

2a-1. What is your operator status? *(select all the apply)*

\_\_\_\_\_ Owner          \_\_\_\_\_ Renter          \_\_\_\_\_ Manager

2a-2. Check all that apply to your operation. If checked - please explain below in question 2a-3.

\_\_\_\_\_ Partnership          \_\_\_\_\_ Corporation          \_\_\_\_\_ Joint Venture          \_\_\_\_\_ Other

2a-3. Operation Status Explanation: *(Max of 250 characters)*

2b. Please indicate and justify the percentage of contribution in the operation by the applicant(s) in the following areas:

2b-2. Total % management/decision making \_\_\_\_\_

2c. Please list specific responsibilities of the applicant's - *(Max of 900 characters)*

2d-1. Total Acres Operated: \_\_\_\_\_

2d-2. Acres Owned: \_\_\_\_\_

2e. Year applicant(s) started farming or ranching: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. AGRICULTURAL OPERATION**

3a. List Major Crops\*

*\* Please indicate if irrigated*

LIST MAJOR CROPS	FIRST YEAR _____	CURRENT YR	
	NO. OF ACRES	NO. OF ACRES	YIELD PER ACRE

3b. Under "Volume of Production," indicate number of head, pounds, dozen or other appropriate measure of volume. *(Max of 1,100 characters per section)*

ENTERPRISE	VOLUME OF PRODUCTION	
	FIRST YEAR _____	CURRENT YR.

3c. Please be creative in explaining the operation if the agricultural enterprise does not fit within Sections A and B *(Max of 2,000 characters)*
3d. How was the agricultural operation acquired? Indicate, in narrative form, what portion of the operation was purchased or personally earned by the applicant(s), acquired through inheritance, or acquired through partnership conversion, rental, or by a contract or management arrangement. *(Max of 2,500 characters)*
3e. List other agricultural or related business enterprises, describing the size, relationship and importance to the total operation (i.e., custom harvesting, processing, ag tourism, etc.). *(Max of 2,500 characters)*
3f. Describe significant changes, expansion or improvement in management and marketing practices, and the acquisition of agricultural machinery, equipment and irrigation systems, and/or buildings built or devised by the applicant(s) since his/her involvement in the operation began. *(Max 5,000 characters)*

#### 4. APPLICANT'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT

- 4a. Indicate other sources of income and property acquisition during the years the applicant(s) has been farming, such as off-farm employment, spouse/spousal-equivalent's income, gifts, prizes and/or inheritances. *(Max of 2,500 characters)*

- 4b. Discuss any unusual situations/problems that may have affected the operation that the applicant(s) has overcome and solved. *(Max of 2,500 characters)*

#### 5. PROGRESS OF OPERATION

- 5a. List specific goals or objectives and achievements gained for production efficiency developed by the applicant(s) in improving the quality of the farming program such as: weight of pigs at 56 days, ratio of pounds of feed to pounds of gain, cost per 100 pounds of gain, pounds of butterfat per cow or yield per acre, efficient land use, or acreage increases. *(Max of 5,000 characters)*

GOALS IN FIRST YEAR	CURRENT ACHIEVEMENT	FUTURE GOALS

- 5b. Describe ways in which the applicant(s) measures and evaluates the management of his/her farming operation. *(Max of 2,500 characters)*

- 5c. Indicate plans the applicant(s) has for future expansion, improvements or changes in the agricultural operation. *(Max of 2,500 characters)*

#### 6. GOALS

- 6a. What goals does the applicant(s) have for the next five years related to his/her career, Farm Bureau involvement and involvement in other organizations? *(Max of 5,000 characters)*

**7. LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE (AGE 18 TO CURRENT)**

Note: This applies to both applicants, if applying together. Please indicate A1 and A2 when applicable.

- 7a-1. (County) List Farm Bureau leadership roles, involvement opportunities, recognitions and/or awards received by the applicant(s), indicating service on committees, boards or as officers. Please include years of involvement. Example: A1 – Elected President of the County Farm Bureau Board of Directors (2016-2017)

APPLICANT (A1, A2)	LEADERSHIP ROLE	YEARS OF INVOLVEMENT

- 7a-2. (Texas/American Farm Bureau) List Farm Bureau leadership roles, involvement opportunities, recognitions and/or awards received by the applicant(s), indicating service on committees, boards or as officers. Please include years of involvement.

*Example: A1 – Elected to serve on , Committee for the State/National Farm Bureau (2016-2017)*

APPLICANT (A1, A2)	LEADERSHIP ROLE	YEARS OF INVOLVEMENT

- 7b. List other agricultural leadership roles, involvement opportunities, recognitions and/or awards received by the applicant(s), indicating service on committees, boards or as officers. (i.e. Farm Credit, Soil Conservation, Farm Service Agency, farm cooperatives, 4-H, etc.) Please include organization, description and years of involvement.)

*Example: A1 and A2 – 4-H, Serves as a 4-H Livestock Club*

APPLICANT (A1, A2)	ORGANIZATION	DESCRIPTION	YEARS

- 7c. List other community and non-agricultural leadership roles, involvement opportunities, recognitions and/or awards received by the applicant(s), indicating service on committees, boards or as officers. (i.e. civic/service clubs, church, school, volunteer leadership, etc.) Please include organization, description and years of involvement.)

*Example: A1 – Local Elementary School, Served as PTA President Applicant (A1, A2) Organization Description Years*

APPLICANT (A1, A2)	ORGANIZATION	DESCRIPTION	YEARS

- 7d. Please explain any situations or circumstances that may have affected your leadership experiences. (Max 250 characters)



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I (We) understand that if I am selected as a finalist in the 2020 Outstanding Young Farmer & Rancher Contest, I will be required to submit a W-9 and I will receive a 1099 for the value of any awards.

\_\_\_\_\_ I (We) Agree

I (We) hereby certify the information on this entry form and attached application to be accurate and true statements. TEXAS FARM BUREAU DOES NOT ACCEPT LIABILITY FOR APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED INCORRECTLY. Texas Farm Bureau reserves the right to use my (our) photos and/or any video footage for use in promoting Farm Bureau. The photos and/or video footage of the undersigned contestant(s) may also be available to Farm Bureau sponsors. By participating in the Event, I (we) warrant that I (we) fully and unconditionally agree to and accept the YF&R official contest rules and the decisions of the Texas Farm Bureau YF&R Committee, which are final and binding.

\_\_\_\_\_ I (We) Agree

The County Farm Bureau President and office in which my Farm Bureau membership is held will receive notification of this application. Upon request the application will be submitted to them.

I (We) understand that if I (we) are selected as the 2020 Outstanding YF&R Contest winner, I (we) will be required to complete a financial sheet for the AFBF Achievement Award Application. This sheet must be notarized.

\_\_\_\_\_ I (We) Agree

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Attachment Count: 5

How did you hear about this contest?

- \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY FARM BUREAU
- \_\_\_\_\_ TEXAS FARM BUREAU STAFF
- \_\_\_\_\_ SOCIAL MEDIA POST
- \_\_\_\_\_ PRINT PUBLICATION / ADVERTISEMENT
- \_\_\_\_\_ YF&R DISTRICT MEETING
- \_\_\_\_\_ PREVIOUSLY APPLIED
- \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER