TEXAS FARM BUREAU
YOUNG FARMER & RANCHER CONTESTS

The annual contests are a way to highlight the achievements of our young members ages 18-35 who are involved in agriculture. And competing has its benefits—like cash prizes, an ATV, and more!

OUTSTANDING YOUNG FARMER & RANCHER

The Outstanding YF&R Contest recognizes young farmers and ranchers who are actively engaged in farming or ranching.

One winner is chosen from each of TFB’s 13 districts. Of those, three finalists are selected after a second round of judging. The judges will then visit each of the three finalists’ farm or ranch to determine the overall winner.

Applications are due Aug. 4.

PRIZES
Winner:
• $60,000 Member Dealer Voucher
• Engraved crystal award
• Expense paid trips to TFB Annual Meeting and AFBF Annual Convention

Two Finalists:
• $500 cash award
• Engraved acrylic award
• Expense paid trip to TFB Annual Meeting

All district winners receive a $1,000 cash prize.

EXCELLENCE IN AGRICULTURE

This contest rewards TFB members who are involved in agriculture but don’t make the majority of their income through production agriculture.

Eligible applicants for the contest include, but are not limited to, farm store managers, crop consultants, agricultural educators and those who are employed by an agricultural business or agency.

Applications are due Aug. 4.

PRIZES
Winner:
• $15,000 Member Dealer Voucher
• Engraved crystal award
• Expense paid trips to TFB Annual Meeting and AFBF Annual Convention

Two Finalists:
• $1,500 cash award
• Engraved acrylic award
• Expense paid trip to TFB Annual Meeting

DISCUSSION MEET

Young farmers and ranchers who have a passion for agriculture and a determination to help solve issues facing agriculture are encouraged to apply for the Discussion Meet.

Contestants are provided information on five issues that impact agriculture in order to prepare for the contest.

The contest is held during the TFB Annual Meeting Dec. 1-3.

Registration closes Nov. 1.

PRIZES
Winner:
• ATV
• Winner plaque
• Expense paid trip to AFBF Annual Convention

Two Finalists:
• $1,500 cash prize
• Finalist plaque

All contestants can apply for up to $200 in expense reimbursement.

MORE CONTEST DETAILS

Applicants for all contests must be between the ages of 18 and 35 as of Jan. 22, 2024, and be current TFB members in good standing. Applicants can apply as individuals or married couples.

Applications, sample questions, and instructions are available online.

For more information, contact Roger Hall, Associate Director of Organization, Leader Development, at rhall@txfb.org or 254.399.5021.

Scan the QR code or visit texasfarmbureau.org/YFR for more information about Young Farmer & Rancher contests and activities.