



2025 GOLDEN BUCKLE AWARDS PROGRAM

FOR COUNTY FARM BUREAUS

The 2025 Golden Buckle Awards Program for County Farm Bureaus is designed to recognize and reward CFBs for excelling in ag promotion.

County Farm Bureaus will be presented a Golden Buckle Award score sheet that runs concurrent with TFB's membership year: November 1, 2024 through October 31, 2025.

Counties will be divided into seven categories based on October 31, 2024 membership numbers:

- Division 1 Under 712
- Division 2 712 – 1,135
- Division 3 1,136 – 1,713
- Division 4 1,714 – 2,395
- Division 5 2,396 – 3,516
- Division 6 3,517 – 4,763
- Division 7 Over 4,763

Points will be based on the Golden Buckle Award score sheet. In the event there is a tie in points, the County Farm Bureau with the most points earned on the short answer question describing the new activity shall be the winner. The state winner will receive \$10,000 and a prize package; first runner-up, \$5,000; second runner-up, \$2,500.

In addition to the state winners, the top two counties in each category will receive \$1,000 to help with expenses of attending the 2025 TFB Annual Meeting. Counties must attend the Annual Meeting to receive the prize money.

Forms must be completed by November 7, 2025. Keep up with photos throughout the year. The top two counties in each membership category will submit photos at the end of the contest.

Credit for attendance or participation must be by a County Farm Bureau board member and not a state director, member of the agency force, or a county employee.

| COUNTY FARM BUREAU | POINTS | YOUR COUNTY SCORE |
|--|------------|-------------------|
| 1. Hold a minimum of 6 regular board meetings with a quorum present | 100 | _____ |
| 2. Prepare and follow a budget; Field Representative participates in the preparation, and it is approved by the board of directors prior to the start of the fiscal year | 10 | _____ |
| 3. Develop a Program of Work | 10 | _____ |
| 4. Hold annual meeting of membership prior to TFB Annual Meeting: | | |
| * All officers in attendance | 5 | _____ |
| * Majority of board in attendance | 5 | _____ |
| * Elect county directors per bylaws | 5 | _____ |
| * Policy discussion | 5 | _____ |
| * Present financial statement and previous year's minutes | 5 | _____ |
| * Elect voting delegates to TFB Annual Meeting | 5 | _____ |
| 5. Enter complete County Committee Survey Form, including committee chairs, by January 1 | 10 | _____ |
| 6. Conduct annual bylaw review | 10 | _____ |
| 7. Board participation in professional development/leadership training | 30 | _____ |
| COUNTY FARM BUREAU TOTAL: | 200 | _____ |

| MEMBERSHIP ACQUISITION | POINTS | YOUR COUNTY SCORE |
|---|------------|-------------------|
| 1. 50% of board qualifies as TFB Star Recruiter (2 new members brought in per board member) | 50 | _____ |
| 2. 100% of board qualifies as TFB Star Recruiter (2 new members brought in per board member) | 200 | _____ |
| 3. Minimum of 1 board member qualifies as TFB Platinum Recruiter (10 new members brought in per board member) | 100 | _____ |
| MEMBER ACQUISITION TOTAL: | 350 | _____ |

| POLICY DEVELOPMENT | POINTS | YOUR COUNTY SCORE |
|--|------------|-------------------|
| 1. Policy Development Committee conducts a meeting where members discuss issues and make recommendations for possible resolutions at county annual meeting | 50 | _____ |
| 2. TFB Commodity Advisory Committee applicant | 50 | _____ |
| 3. Submit a TFB Resolutions Committee volunteer to State Director | 50 | _____ |
| POLICY DEVELOPMENT TOTAL: | 150 | _____ |

| LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES | POINTS | YOUR COUNTY SCORE |
|---|------------|-------------------|
| 1. Attend a meeting with State Representative/staff to discuss Farm Bureau policy in the district | 50 | _____ |
| 2. Attend a meeting with State Senator/staff to discuss Farm Bureau policy in the district | 50 | _____ |
| 3. Attend a meeting with U.S. Representative/staff to discuss Farm Bureau policy in the district | 50 | _____ |
| 4. AGFUND Contributions: | | |
| * 100% of board contribute to AGFUND (minimum \$5) | 50 | _____ |
| * 50% of board contribute to AGFUND Cabinet | 50 | _____ |
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| LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES TOTAL: | 350 | _____ |
| YOUNG FARMER & RANCHER | POINTS | YOUR COUNTY SCORE |
| 1. Young farmer and rancher attends a CFB or TFB YF&R meeting | 25 | _____ |
| 2. Host an event that emphasizes participation by young farmer and rancher members to promote YF&R contests, programs, events, and meetings | 50 | _____ |
| 3. TFB YF&R Advisory Committee applicant | 30 | _____ |
| 4. Appoint a young farmer and rancher (age 18-35) as chair of the county YF&R committee and list on County Committee Survey Form | 20 | _____ |
| 5. Donate a livestock or poultry animal through Farmers Feeding Families program | 50 | _____ |
| 6. Donate money, time, or other food through Farmers Feeding Families program | 25 | _____ |
| YOUNG FARMER & RANCHER TOTAL: | 200 | _____ |
| AG EDUCATION | POINTS | YOUR COUNTY SCORE |
| 1. TFB AITC programs | | |
| * Garden Grant applicant | 5 | _____ |
| * Farm From School participant | 5 | _____ |
| * Ag Literacy program participant | 5 | _____ |
| * Purchase AITC materials | 5 | _____ |
| 2. Sponsor AITC promotional/appreciation event for educators | 30 | _____ |
| 3. Participate in ag educational event (example: ag day, school visit, MLB, Ag on the Go event) | 50 | _____ |
| AG EDUCATION TOTAL: | 100 | _____ |

| YOUTH OUTREACH | POINTS | YOUR COUNTY SCORE |
|--|------------|-------------------|
| 1. Award CFB scholarship | 10 | _____ |
| 2. TFB scholarship applicant | 10 | _____ |
| 3. Involvement in local livestock show | 10 | _____ |
| 4. Student Success Series Participant | | |
| * Thrive | 15 | _____ |
| * Engage | 10 | _____ |
| * Jumpstart or Activate | 5 | _____ |
| 5. Activity involving 4-H/FFA (example: ag day, annual meeting, contests) | 20 | _____ |
| 6. Submit name(s) of qualified member(s) who have agreed to serve as a judge for TFB contests prior to February 14, 2025 | 20 | _____ |
| YOUTH OUTREACH TOTAL: | 100 | |
| AG PROMOTION | POINTS | YOUR COUNTY SCORE |
| 1. Board member(s) present program to other groups on Farm Bureau and agriculture | 100 | _____ |
| 2. Participate in a Food Connection Activity | 10 | _____ |
| 3. Enter TFB County Communications Awards Program | 10 | _____ |
| 4. Sponsor Ag Promotion Activity (examples: ag marketing meeting, adult ag tour, CEU meeting, small landowner meeting) | 30 | _____ |
| 5. Entry in AFBF County Activities of Excellence (CAE) program | 50 | _____ |
| 6. Conduct new activity that promotes Farm Bureau and agriculture | 100 | _____ |
| * Describe activity and explain how this activity increased visibility of your County Farm Bureau | | Tie Breaker |
| AG PROMOTION TOTAL: | 300 | _____ |
| ATTENDANCE BY BOARD MEMBERS | POINTS | YOUR COUNTY SCORE |
| 1. Representation at TFB Annual Meeting | 50 | _____ |
| 2. Representation at TFB District Caucus | 50 | _____ |
| 3. Representation at Leadership Conference in Austin | 50 | _____ |
| 4. Representation at National Affairs Awards Trip | 50 | _____ |
| 5. Representation at Summer Conference | 50 | _____ |
| 6. Representation at District Policy Development Meeting | 50 | _____ |
| 7. President or Vice President attend District Presidents' Caucus | 50 | _____ |
| ATTENDANCE TOTAL: | 350 | _____ |

GOLDEN BUCKLE TOTAL:

2100
