

Collegiate Discussion Meet Application Check List

- Applicant **is** between the ages of 18 and 35. The individual 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 on or before the year in which they will compete at the national AFBF YF&R Conference.
- Applicant **is an undergraduate college student** in a state with a recognized YF&R program. Undergraduate status is based on the date of the state contest (April 4, 2025).
- Applicant **is not enrolled in a graduate-level program** at the time of his or her state Collegiate Discussion Meet competition.
- Applicant has a sincere interest in the agricultural industry.
- Registration for the 2025 YF&R Spring Conference has been submitted.
<https://forms.office.com/r/jv65dxRsmk>.
- Collegiate Advisor Form has been completed and signed by the appropriate individuals.
- 2025 Collegiate Discussion Meet online application form has been submitted, and the Collegiate Advisor Form has been emailed to youngfarmers@txfb.org.
- Applicant has read the 2025 Collegiate Discussion Meet Manual and meets all eligibility requirements.

Other Eligibility Requirements:

- Applicant may only compete in one national YF&R Competition per year.
- Past and present members of the TFB or AFBF Young Farmers & Ranchers Committee and/or their spouse/spousal-equivalent are not eligible to compete.
- Past state YF&R Discussion Meet and Collegiate Discussion Meet winners and/or previous AFBF Discussion Meet and Collegiate Discussion Meet competitors are not eligible to compete.
- Collegiate Discussion Meet participants may not compete in the YF&R Discussion Meet within the same year.
- Current employees of county, state and/or American Farm Bureaus and their affiliates are not eligible to compete.
- Professional speakers are not eligible to compete. Professional speakers are those who have received a fee, royalty or honorarium for speaking (i.e., paid speaking appearances or speaking engagements) within 24 months prior to this annual competition. This excludes reimbursement for travel or expenses attendant to the appearance.