

# TEXAS FARM BUREAU

## 2026 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.

Top eight finalists will be selected from across all TFB districts. Of those top eight, three state finalists are selected. A panel of judges will visit each of the three finalists' farm or ranch to determine the overall winner.

Application closes Friday, May 15.

#### PRIZES

##### Winner:

- \$60,000 Member Dealer Voucher\*
- Engraved crystal award
- Expense paid trips to TFB Annual Meeting and AFBF Annual Convention

##### Two State Finalists:

- \$500 cash award
- Engraved acrylic award
- Expense paid trip to TFB Annual Meeting

##### Top Eight Finalists:

- \$1,000 cash award
- Engraved crystal award

### 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.

Top eight finalists will be selected. Of those top eight, three state finalists are selected. The three finalists will give a presentation to a panel of judges to determine the overall winner.

Application closes Friday, May 15.

#### PRIZES

##### Winner:

- \$15,000 Member Dealer Voucher\*\*
- Engraved crystal award
- Expense paid trips to TFB Annual Meeting and AFBF Annual Convention

##### Two State Finalists:

- \$500 cash award
- Engraved acrylic award
- Expense paid trip to TFB Annual Meeting

##### Top Eight Finalists:

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### 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. 4-6.

Application closes Sunday, Nov. 1.

#### PRIZES

##### Winner:

- ATV
- Winner plaque
- Expense paid trip to AFBF Annual Convention

##### Three State 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 January 8, 2027 and be current TFB members in good standing. Applicants for the OYF&R and EIA Contests can apply as individuals or married couples.

Application sample questions and instructions are available online.

For more information contact Roger Hall, YF&R Coordinator, at [youngfarmers@txfb.org](mailto:youngfarmers@txfb.org) or 254-399-5021.

**Scan QR code** or visit [texasfarmbureau.org/YFR](https://texasfarmbureau.org/YFR) for more information about Young Farmer & Rancher contests and activities.



\*Voucher must be used within one calendar year. Winner may choose from one or more of the member service dealers-Ford, Case IH, Grasshopper, Cat & Hohn Deere. Must be a member benefit company product to qualify (Ford from a Ford dealer, etc.). Up to six transactions may be used to spend the prize money. Arrangements and approval must be made prior to purchase.

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