Star Young Farmer/Agribusiness Award

Purpose

The purpose of the Star Young Farmer/Agribusiness Award is to honor those Young Farmer members who achieve outstanding advancement in the agricultural industry and exemplify high standards of leadership, citizenship, and participation in the Young Farmer Association.

Eligibility

The applicant must have been a member for at least two years and currently be a paid, active member of a chapter in good standing with the Area and State associations.

The applicant must be involved in agricultural production, farm/ranch management, or agriculture business as their primary employment.

It is important to describe how well the applicant has progressed in his/her agricultural endeavors. Information in the application should give a clear picture of how the applicant got started, initial method of financing of land, livestock, machinery, business, inventories, acquisition of assets, etc. Also the individual's knowledge of his/her occupation, practices, entrepreneurial skills, and seizing opportunities should be evident.

State winners are not eligible to reapply at any time.

A member applying for this award is not eligible to apply for any of the following individual recognition awards in the same year. Outstanding Member, Sundowner Award, Family of the Year

General Rules

1. Applications must be submitted on the most current form.

2. Applications must be typed.

3. Applications may be submitted via email or US mail.

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4. Up to six pictures, black & white or color, will be accepted but size is limited to 3x5, 4x6, or 5x 7. Captions are limited to 50 words.

5. Each chapter may submit one application for consideration. A committee will select the winner.

6. The State office must receive the application by the deadline date: **December 1**.

7. The chapter of the applicant must have submitted its dues, roster, and program of work on the appropriate forms to the state office on or before November 1.

8. Applications not conforming to the rules will be rejected.

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General Information

Name of Member: _____ County: _____

Chapter: _____ Area: _____

Address: _____ Number of Years Membership: _____

_____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Marital Status: _____

Spouse's Name: _____

Name of Children: _____ Age: _____

_____ Age: _____

_____ Age: _____

_____ Age: _____

_____ Age: _____

Education of applicant (highest grade or degree, and school): _____

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Name of Primary Farm/Ranch/Agribusiness: _____

Address of Primary Farm/Ranch/Agribusiness: _____

Give a brief overall description of the primary farm/ranch/agribusiness operation including size and scope:

Primary Agricultural Enterprise Information

What is your job title for your primary agricultural enterprises? _____

Type of Enterprise: _____

Interest (Circle all that apply): Own Rent Manage Shares Self Employed Employed Other

What is your partnership arrangement(s): _____

_____

Describe major responsibilities for primary agricultural enterprises:

_____

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How many employees do you supervise? _____

How many years have you been involved in this agricultural enterprise? _____

List, and give the **percentage** of your Total Annual Net income sources:

Type	Source	Percentage of Your Total Annual Net Income
Primary agricultural enterprise:		
Other Agriculture-related activities:		
Other non-agricultural activities:		

Start Up Information

Describe the scope and time of your start in this agricultural enterprise?

Indicate what help you received in starting this enterprise, including inheritance and gifts.

Describe any handicaps or hardships you may have overcome as you began and throughout this enterprise.

General Management of the Enterprise

Describe your record-keeping system?

Describe labor saving devices, methods, alternative enterprises, constructed/modified equipment, and/or new practices, your have experimented with or use either as an individual or through cooperation with research groups.

Describe the actual operation of this primary enterprise today compared to when you began. Discuss cropping and livestock practices, inventories, management style, and other areas that indicate quality growth.

Young Farmer Activities:

List offices, committees, field days, tours, institutes, and special events, etc. in which you have participate.

Activity	Level of Participation				Length of Serv, Number, Amt.	Major Responsibility
	Chapter	Area	State	Nat'l		

Contributions as a Young Farmer Member to the Community, State, and Nation

Activity	Level of Participation				Length of Serv, Number, Amt.	Major Responsibility
	Chapter	Area	State	Nat'l		

Describe any unusual activities or contributions listed above:

Additional Activities Not Listed Above:

Activity	Level of Participation				Length of Serv, Number, Amt.	Major Responsibility
	Chapter	Area	State	Nat'l		

Farm/Ranch Production or Management Information

If your primary enterprise is in Farm/Ranch production or management please include the following information.

Number of acres *owned* and *operated*: _____

Tillable _____ Grazing _____ Non-Plowable _____

Number of acres *rented* and/or *leased*: _____

Tillable _____ Grazing _____ Non-Plowable _____

Number of days spent annually in "off-farm" employment: _____

How does your production compare to county averages?
(grain yields, weaning weights, percent pigs weaned, etc)

Commodity	Your Average Yield	County Average Yield	+ or -

Discuss conservation practices you may use on your farm/ranch, such as soil fertility improvement, erosion control, diversification, and other methods.

Farm/Ranch Production or Management Information (continued)

Inventory:

Kind	Number Owned By Applicant	Value Range	Number Owned in Partnership	Value Range
CROPS (Number in acres)				
LIVESTOCK				
MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT				

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Appendix A

Letter	Value Range	Letter	Value Range	Letter	Value Range
A =	0 – $15,000	J =	$135,001 – $150,00	S =	$270,001 – $285,000
B =	$15,001 – $30,000	K =	$150,001 – $165,000	T =	$285,001 – $300,000
C =	$30,001 – $45,000	L =	$165,001 – $180,000	U =	$300,001 – $315,000
D =	$45,001 – $60,000	M =	$180,001 – $195,000	V =	$315,001 – $330,000
E =	$60,001 – $75,000	N =	$195,001 – $210,000	W =	$330,001 – $345,000
F =	$75,001 – $90,000	O =	$210,001 – $225,000	X =	$345,001 – $360,000
G =	$90,001 – $105,000	P =	$225,001 – $240,000	Y =	$360, 001 – $375,000
H =	$105,001 – $120,000	Q =	$240,001 – $255,000	Z =	+ $375,000
I =	$120,001 – $135,000	R =	$255,001 – $270,000		

Farm/Ranch Production or Management Information (continued)

Management and Efficiency Factors

Factors	199_____	199_____	199_____
Example 1: Increased calving rate.	*92%*	*90%*	*84%*
Example 2: Decreased nitrogen needs per acre yet maintained yield levels	*200 lbs. N/ 4800 lbs. hay*	*250 lbs. N/ 4900 lbs. hay*	*300 lbs. N/ 4900 lbs. hay*
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Farm/Ranch Production or Management Information (continued)

Approved Practices, Skills, and Competencies

Practice	Results
Example: Developed a plan for managing herd health.	*Example: Used insecticide ear tags to control flies and reduced stress on cows, resulting in more milk for calves and an estimated ten-pound increases in weaning weight per calf.*
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AgriBusiness Information

If your primary enterprise is AgriBusiness please include the following information.

Describe your service area.

Describe specific Agricultural services/products rendered.

Circle your income range:

Less than $20,000	$60,000 – $80,000	$120,000 – $140,000
$20,000 - $40,000	$80,000 – $100,000	$140,000 – $160,000
$40,000 - $60,000	$100,000 – $120,000	+ $160,000

List business related inventory you claim and the range of their value. Use the table on Appendix A.

Inventory	Number Owned By Applicant	Value Range	Number Owned in Partnership	Value Range

AgriBusiness Information (continued)

Significant Accomplishment in AgriBusiness

In narrative form, describe accomplishments you have been wholly or partially responsible for and other contributions to the business.

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Certification of Application

I do hereby declare that the application for this award meets the eligibility requirements, have abided to the established rules for application, and has been completed with truthfulness.

_____
Signature of Applicant

_____ _____
Signature of Advisor Signature of Chapter President

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Tabulation

General Information (100 points maximum) _____

Primary Agricultural Enterprise Information (100 points maximum) _____

Start Up Information (100 points maximum) _____

General Management of the Enterprise (100 points maximum) _____

Young Farmer Activities (200 points maximum) _____

Additional Activities (100 points maximum) _____

Specific Management of Enterprise (300 points maximum)

Farm/Ranch Production or Management Information
OR
Agribusiness Information _____

Grand Total (1000 points maximum) _____

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Chairperson