

# Achievement Award

## Summary



### Background

Virginia Farm Bureau conducts the Young Farmers Achievement Award to recognize those young farmers ages 18 to 35 who are setting the highest standards for leadership on the farm and within their community. This specialized annual contest results in the selection of the Virginia Achievement Award competitor(s) for the American Farm Bureau event the following January. The competition is based on the individual's or couple's efforts in production agriculture and leadership achievement.

**The ideal candidate(s) for the Achievement Award is an individual or couple involved in production agriculture with a majority of their income subject to normal production risks.**

Virginia Farm Bureau will provide the top candidates an expense-paid trip to the VFBF Annual Convention held in November where finalists will conduct an interview with judges to determine a statewide winner. All finalists will be recognized for their achievements during the convention and the winner will be sent to the AFBF convention to compete for national honors.

### Eligibility

Competitors must:

- **Be nominated** by anyone using the approved nomination form on page 2 of this summary. **Nominations must be sent to VFB W&YF Dept. by Feb. 28th**
- **Submit a completed Achievement Award application before March 31<sup>st</sup>**
- Competitors shall be an individual or a married couple
- **Finalists must be voting (producer) Farm Bureau members** between 18 and 35 years of age. Individual or spouse shall not have reached their 36<sup>th</sup> birthday by January 31<sup>st</sup> after the AFBF Annual Convention at which the competitive event is held. If spouse is over 35 years of age, the applicant must apply as an individual.
- Past and present members of the AFBF Young Farmers & Ranchers Committee or their spouses are not eligible to compete.
- Competitors must be actively engaged in farming or ranching with the majority of income coming from production agriculture.
- Past state YF&R Achievement Award winners, and/or previous AFBF Achievement Award competitors are not eligible to compete.
- Farm Bureau employees are not eligible, this also includes affiliate companies.

Completed Achievement Award applications received by VFB W&YF Dept. will undergo a review process to select the finalists. Finalists will be notified and an on-farm visit will be conducted to verify application details and photograph the operation. Final judging will take place at the VFB convention.

# Virginia Farm Bureau Young Farmers Achievement Award Nomination



Nomination for the Achievement Award can be made by anyone who is interested in recognizing a qualifying Young Farmer for their outstanding achievements. Please see "summary" page for details.

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On this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, I nominate \_\_\_\_\_  
of \_\_\_\_\_ County for the VFB Young Farmer Achievement Award.

**Reason(s) for nomination:**

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**Address and contact information for nominee:**

**Nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**e-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_ **phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Nominator's name* \_\_\_\_\_

*phone* \_\_\_\_\_

*e-mail* \_\_\_\_\_

*Nominator's signature* \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominations must be sent by February 28<sup>th</sup> to:**

**Virginia Farm Bureau Attn: W&YF Dept.**

**P. O. Box 27552**

**Richmond, VA 23261**

***Form can be submitted electronically to: [ron.saacke@vafb.com](mailto:ron.saacke@vafb.com)***

An Achievement Award application will be mailed to the nominee with a letter of congratulations once this form is received by VFB. To receive additional information about contests please contact us at [YoungFarmers@vafb.com](mailto:YoungFarmers@vafb.com) or call 804-290-1032.