



VIRGINIA FARM BUREAU AMBASSADOR

APPLICATION RULES AND REGULATIONS

Year _____

Qualifications

The purpose of the contest is to recognize a young agriculturist for his/her interest and achievements in agriculture and provide him/her with an opportunity to serve as an ambassador for agriculture and Farm Bureau.

All contestants must:

- Be a member of Virginia Farm Bureau
- Be 18 years of age or have not reached their 24th birthday by the deadline date for the application.
- Complete an application along with all other components attached. Submit it signed by the county Farm Bureau Women's Chair and County President by the deadline date.

Competition Process

- In the case of multiple applicants in a county, the winner will be determined by an Ambassador contest in that county to determine which applicant will be the representative at the VFB Women's Spring Conference.
- **Each county Farm Bureau is responsible for its contestant's expenses incurred during the VFB Women's Spring Conference.**
- A 5 x 7 **color picture** or a digital photo (at least 1500 x 2100 pixels) of the contestant **MUST** be submitted or emailed to women@vafb.com or accompany the application, and both must be submitted to the Women's & Young Farmer Department by the deadline. **Deadline for application and photo is December 31 of year prior to competition.** Failure to meet this deadline will result in disqualification of the county contestant.
- Each contestant should be prepared for an interview with a panel of judges.
- Each contestant is expected to develop, present and defend an agriculture related activity platform or project he/she will carry out during his/her tenure, if chosen Virginia Farm Bureau Ambassador, at the VFB Women's Spring Conference in March. The platform presentation may not exceed three minutes in length and will be presented in front of an audience at the conference.
- Former state contest winners are not eligible to compete.

Judging Criteria

- 50% of score: Initial Interview: professional appearance, composure and question responses
- 25% of score: Farm Bureau Essay component
- 25% of score: Content and delivery of platform presentation

Awards

- The winner will be announced at the annual VFB Women's Spring Conference. He/she will receive a \$2,000 cash award divided into two payments. A report on their platform progress will be given at the conclusion of their term during the Women's Spring Conference.
- First Runner-up receives a cash award of \$500.
- All other finalists competing at the VFB Women's Spring Conference will each receive \$200 for their efforts.
- Virginia Farm Bureau Ambassador will be provided an itinerary of appearances and speaking engagements that are scheduled prior to his/her term. The winner **WILL BE** expected to attend each event. Expenses will be covered by VFBF.
- Virginia Farm Bureau Ambassador's conference expenses will be reimbursed to the county by Virginia Farm Bureau, following the VFB Women's Spring Conference.

VIRGINIA FARM BUREAU AMBASSADOR

APPLICATION Year _____

Date: _____
County: _____ FB Membership #: _____
Name: _____ Age: _____
Home address: _____
City: _____ Zip: _____ Birth Date: ____/____/____
Home phone:(_____) _____ Email address: _____

Applicant's signature: _____ (required)

FAMILY INFORMATION:

Parent's Name(s): _____

Names and ages of siblings: _____

BIO (please write a 3 to 5 sentence biography about yourself)

EDUCATION INFORMATION:

School attending and address: _____

School phone: _____ Best time to call: _____

Current status (Junior, Senior, etc.): _____ Year of graduation: _____

Major interest:

FUTURE EDUCATION PLANS:

FARM INFORMATION:

Number of acres: _____

Crops/Livestock: _____

Your responsibilities: _____

ACTIVITIES: *(Choose two in each category of which you are most proud.)*

School: 1. _____ 2. _____
Church: 1. _____ 2. _____
FFA/FHA/4-H: 1. _____ 2. _____
Farm Bureau: 1. _____ 2. _____
Other: 1. _____ 2. _____

Offices held: *(List three most important to you.)*

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Hobbies and talents: *(List three most proud of.)*

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Awards/Recognitions: *(List three most proud of.)*

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

FUTURE PLANS:

PLATFORM OUTLINE: Submit a separate typed (12-point font) document outlining your activity platform with this application.

ESSAY-FARM BUREAU KNOWLEDGE COMPONENT: Answer the following question and include facts about Farm Bureau, typed in 12-point font and a minimum of one page in length. Please turn this in with your application.

“How will you use the resources of Virginia Farm Bureau to accomplish the goals in your platform and how will your efforts support the Virginia Farm Bureau Mission?”

County President’s Signature: _____ Date: _____

County Women’s Chairman’s Signature _____ Date: _____

(Signatures required to qualify)

Sponsored by Virginia Farm Bureau Women’s Committee

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Submit County winner application by **December 31** to:

Women & Young Farmers Department

Virginia Farm Bureau Federation, P.O. Box 27552, 12580 West Creek Parkway, Richmond, VA 23261

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