



2025 Distinguished Farm Bureau Woman

RETURN APPLICATION TO:
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Virginia Farm Bureau
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APPLICATION RULES & REGULATIONS

Purpose of this Award:

To recognize a Farm Bureau woman for contributions in one of the following areas:

- Farm business and community activities;
- Agricultural business and community activities; or
- Agricultural leadership and community involvement.

Eligibility:

- Nominated by a Farm Bureau member in the community.
- The nominee must be a Farm Bureau member (producer or associate).
- A recent **photograph** is to be included with submission of the application.
- The application **must be submitted to VFBF by December 31st to the Special Programs Department or women@vafb.com.**
- Each nominee will participate in an interview during the judging process.
- Each county Farm Bureau is responsible for its nominee's expenses incurred during the VFBF Women's Leadership Conference.
- The winner will be announced at VFBF Women's Leadership Conference. The winner's expenses will be reimbursed to the county office by Virginia Farm Bureau Federation.
- All Farm Bureau member women are eligible except:
 - Members of the State Board of Directors
 - Members of the VFB State Women's Committee
 - Farm Bureau employees

Judging Criteria (100 points maximum)

75 pts. – Application

25 pts. – Phone Interview

Award: \$500 cash award with a trip to the VFBF Annual Convention, trip to the American Farm Bureau Annual Convention or AFBF ACE Summit, along with a plaque of recognition. Runner-up to receive \$250 cash award and a recognition plaque. (Trips appx. value \$1,700)

Distinguished Farm Bureau Woman Application

Nominee/Applicant's Name: _____

County Farm Bureau: _____ FB Membership # _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Email address: _____ Date of Birth: ___/___/___

Nominator's Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please write a short biography about yourself to include background, education, agricultural interests, personal interests, and family. (5pts)

PERSONAL GROWTH/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

List active roles, accomplishments and positions you have held in other organizations. List ways you feel you have or will continue to expand your knowledge of agriculture. (5pts)

LEADERSHIP RECOGNITION

List all awards or recognitions you have received from present to past. (10pts)

Award/Organization	Year Received

FARM BUREAU INVOLVEMENT (30pts)

How long have you been a member? _____

Describe your participation in Farm Bureau, past and present. *(Include projects and committees, offices held, etc.)*

Why is Farm Bureau important to you?

What are your future goals for participating in Farm Bureau?

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES (10pts)

Please describe your activities in your community. Include agriculture, religious, civic, business and education organizations in which you are active and the extent of your participation (*offices held, committees served on, projects worked on and achievements*).

Please select your primary focus below:

- Farm Related (A)
- Agribusiness (B)
- Agricultural Leadership (C)

Please complete the following section (A, B, or C) that corresponds with your focus.

Complete only ONE of the following sections.

Section A. FARM BUSINESS INVOLVEMENT (15pts)

Total number of acres owned _____

Total number of acres operated _____

Number of years farming _____

Number of employees _____

Please describe your farm operation (*including number of acres of each crop, head of livestock, etc. and other farm enterprises.*)

What specific responsibilities do you perform in conducting the farm operation? (*Include operational functions and management decisions.*)

What are your goals or future plans for your farm business?

Section B. AGRIBUSINESS INVOLVEMENT (15pts)

Number of years in agribusiness _____

Type of business _____

Please describe your agricultural business (*Including its purpose, type of business and impact on the community*).

What specific responsibilities do you perform in this business? (*Include operational functions and management decisions*).

What are your goals or future plans for your agricultural business?

Section C. AGRICULTURAL LEADERSHIP INVOLVEMENT (15pts)

Number of years of agricultural leadership_____

Type/name of agricultural leadership position_____

Please describe your leadership position and how it pertains to agriculture (*including its purpose, impact on others and the community, and time requirements*).

What specific responsibilities do you perform in this leadership position? (*Include operational functions and management decisions*).

What are your goals or future plans in this leadership position?

SIGNATURES
(Signatures required to qualify)

Applicant's signature _____ Date: _____
Nominator's signature _____ Date: _____
County Chair signature _____ Date: _____
County President's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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