

VIRGINIA FARM BUREAU AMBASSADOR



APPLICATION RULES AND REGULATIONS

Year _____

Qualifications

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

Contestant Criteria

- Does not have to be a Virginia Farm Bureau member
- Must 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 and submit by December 31.
- While serving as the Farm Bureau Ambassador, the winner will be considered a representative of Farm Bureau and must be supportive of Farm Bureau policies during his/her tenure.
- By checking this box, I agree to uphold Farm Bureau policies. (box must be checked to proceed in application process)

Competition Process

- 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 their tenure, if chosen Virginia Farm Bureau Ambassador, at the VFB Spring Conference in March. This presentation should be no longer than three minutes in length. The platform presentation will take place during the judging process. Conference attendees will be permitted to attend the platform presentation part of the judging process.
- 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 entry form, and both must be submitted to the Special Programs department by the December 31 deadline. Failure to meet this deadline will result in disqualification of the county contestant.
- Contestants' expenses will be covered by the VFB Special Programs department.
- All finalists will be notified by letter if they will be competing at the VFB Women's Spring Conference.
- Former state contest winners are not eligible to compete.

Judging Criteria

- 50% of score: Initial Interview -including 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 the platform/project will be given at the at the conclusion of his/her term during the VFB Women's Spring Conference the following year.
- 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.
- Appearance expenses will be covered by Virginia Farm Bureau. (see last page)
- Winner will receive a complimentary one-year membership to Virginia Farm Bureau.

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APPLICATION

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): _____

Brothers and sisters names and ages: _____

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 document outlining your activity platform with this application.



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

Special Programs Department

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

www.vafarmbureau.org

Essay - Farm Bureau Knowledge Component

See the below topic 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 Can You Best Utilize Farm Bureau to accomplish your Goals in your Platform and how will the Farm Bureau Mission benefit from your efforts?”



**Farm Bureau Ambassador GUEST APPEARANCES
2019-2020**

**(this is a current list of appearances,
2020-2021 dates/venues will vary slightly)**

MONTH	TIME	APPEARANCE AT:
2019		
June-August		Farm Bureau County Annual Picnics – you will be invited by various counties to attend. (Approval from WYF coordinator or director. Counties responsible for your expenses) Casual dress
July 26-28		Young Farmers Summer Expo – Shenandoah Valley area
Aug.- Oct.	TBA	Farm Bureau County Annual Meetings and Women Fall District meetings. Business/casual attire. (Approval from WYF coordinator or director; or counties responsible for your expenses to attend)
September 27 - Oct. 6		State Fair of Virginia - day at the fair volunteering at the booth or in the parade (Meadow Event Park) TBD
Dec. 3-4	Tuesday through Wednesday	VFB Annual Convention – The Main hotel in Norfolk
2020		
January 17-20		AFBF Annual Convention – Austin, TX or Young Farmers and Rancher Conference - TBD
February 28-Mar 1 (date may change)		Young Farmers and Ranchers Conference Winter Expo
March 20-22		VFBF Women’s Spring Conference – Hotel Madison, Harrisonburg. Business attire. Responsibilities: FB Ambassador Contestant’s judging schedule/timer, presentation of your Ambassador activities over the past year. Photo opportunity.

*Document and/or take pictures of important events attended.