



Outstanding Young Agriculturalist Award

Sponsored by the
VAFB Women and
Young Farmers Programs
Rules and Application

Purpose

- To recognize High school junior or senior students for outstanding academic, community and agribusiness achievement. (must be a junior or senior on March 31 of the year of competition)
- To encourage students to evaluate their progress and career goals.
- To stimulate the student's interest in striving for leadership opportunities and involvement in agriculture and/or the agribusiness sector.

Judging and Deadline

****Application must be completed and submitted by March 31 to:**

VAFB Women's and Young Farmers Dept., PO Box 27552, Richmond, VA 23261

Applications received by the deadline will be evaluated by judges to select district finalists by early May. All applicants will be notified of standings by mail or e-mail; finalists will be given additional instructions for the state competition at that time.

The Oral Presentation will be required for finalists competing in the state contest. Finalists will compete for the state title at the Young Farmers Summer Expo held in late July to early August with competition location to be announced at a later date.

Judging Criteria

The following point values will be used by the judges in scoring this award.

- 20 points Academic
- 20 points General Leadership
- 25 points Farm/Agriculture-related Experience
- 10 points Recommendations
- 25 points Oral Presentation

Awards and Recognition

- The state winner will receive a cash scholarship of \$1,500 including: \$250 from Virginia Farm Credit Associations, \$500 from VAFB Service Corporation under the GM Incentive Program, & \$750 from the VAFB Young Farmers & Women's Committees.
- All finalists and parents, if desired, will have hotel and meal expenses covered during the Young Farmers Summer Expo event. Competition will include making your presentation and answering questions from judges during a 10 minute interview process.
- Each finalist, other than the state winner, will receive a \$100 award from Virginia Farm Credit Associations and \$100 from VAFB Service Corporation under the GM Program.

For more information contact:

Women & Young Farmers Department
P.O. Box 27552, Richmond, VA 23261
Phone: 804-290-1031 www.vafb.com

A Word document file of this application can be requested by e-mailing ron.saacke@vafb.com.

This application may be duplicated and up to 2 pages can be added as needed to answer questions.

Application deadline is March 31

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Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Telephone Number: (_____) _____

Parent's Name(s): Father _____ Mother _____

County: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Email Address _____

High School: _____ (circle one) Junior/Senior

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: (_____) _____

Principal's Name: _____

1. Academic – 20 points

Current Grade Point Average: _____

What was your favorite class in school and why? _____

What are your current and future academic goals? _____

2. General Leadership – 20 points

- a. List the organizations in which you are a member. Describe your leadership role in each and/or the projects or activities involved. (Include high school, church, civic, sports, etc.)

- b. Describe your off-farm work experience including name of employer and skills developed.

3. Farm/Ag-Related Experience – 25 points

- a. Describe your participation and leadership roles in 4-H, FFA, Farm Bureau and other agriculture related organizations.

- b. Describe your on-farm work experience and any other farm-related experiences.

- c. Describe your county and/or State Fair participation.

d. Why do you feel you should be selected to receive the Outstanding Young Agriculturalist Award?

4. Recommendation letters and other requirements – 10 points (letters)

- a. **Attach two letters of recommendation.** One must be school-related and one must be Agriculture related.
- b. Please send a high quality photograph or e-mail a digital copy that can be used for publicity purposes.

5. Oral Presentation – 25 points (Presentation will be made during the district and final competitions)

- a. Theme: ***My Future In Agriculture***
- b. Presentation will be 3-5 minutes in length -- no need to send with application, but must be ready to give your speech if chosen as a finalist for competition at the state level. (No props or Power Point presentations are allowed)

Please provide a 5-7 line personal biography in third person:

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____



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