



# 2023 Distinguished Farm Bureau Woman

**RETURN APPLICATION TO:**  
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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](mailto: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 state 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)

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**Nominee/Applicant's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

County Farm Bureau: \_\_\_\_\_ FB Membership # \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

**Nominator's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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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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