

Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation Outstanding Young Farm Family Contest Rules for 2019 KFBF State Contest

Background

The Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation (KFBF) annually conducts an Outstanding Young Farm Family Contest. Farm Bureaus are encouraged to promote this activity with-in their county. Selection of the winning YF competitor is based on his/her efforts in production agriculture and leadership achievement. Participation in this program with individual recognition and the resulting publicity will help build the organization. **The ideal candidate(s) for the Outstanding Young Farm Family Contest is an individual or couple involved in production agriculture with a majority of his/her income subject to normal production risks.**

Information about the Outstanding Young Farm Family applicant is requested on the entry form. ALL INFORMATION IS HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND IS DESTROYED AFTER JUDGING IS COMPLETED.

Eligibility

- An applicant can be either an individual or a couple that is married. Applicant may choose to apply individually, rather than as a couple.
- Applicant(s) shall be a Farm Bureau member(s) between the ages of 18 and 35 in good standing with his/her county Farm Bureau. The individual or spouse shall have reached his/her 18th birthday at the time he/she qualifies for the national competition and shall not have reached his/her 36th birthday by Jan. 31, 2020.
- Applicant(s) must be actively engaged in farming, with the **majority** of his/her income coming from production agriculture.
- Applicant(s) may only compete in **ONE KFBF & AFBF YF&R** competition per year.
- Present members of the KFBF Young Farmers Committee and/or their spouse are not eligible to compete.
- Past state Outstanding Young Farm Family Contest winners and/or previous AFBF Achievement Award competitors are not eligible to compete.
- Current employees of county, state and/or American Farm Bureaus and their affiliates are not eligible to compete.
- Each county may submit one entry to be considered for state recognition and must use the KFBF entry form and application.

Entry Form & Application Guidelines

- Do not use applicant's name, the name of his/her state or county, or any names that may bring about the recognition or identification of the applicant's county beyond the entry form. The application has a search feature to locate any identifiers.
- The entry form and application must be completed in first person narrative (i.e. I, me, we, etc.) for questions I-VI. Applicants must use "A1" and "A2" to denote each applicant for all of question VII.
- Do not use abbreviations or acronyms. KFBF, FB, and YF&R are acceptable to use throughout the application.

Note: Disregarding any of the guidelines listed above will result in disqualification of the application.

Judging

- The entry form and application of each county entry will be coded upon receipt by KFBF. The applicant's name and county will not be revealed to the judges until judging is completed.
- Judging is based on the application sent to KFBF by the county Farm Bureau and an on-farm interview will take place if the applicant is selected to be in the top three.
- A panel of three qualified judges will select the winner. The Top three competitors will be interviewed by the same three judges who reviewed the written applications.
- Interviews will be held at your farm and are intended to clear up any "gray areas" which may arise from the written application. The Top three competitors should understand that their interview is for verification/clarification purposes and therefore may affect final rankings.
- Values used in judging the applications will be:

Farm Operation and Growth:	70 points	
Financial Progress of Operation:	60 points	
Farm Bureau Leadership:	40 points	
Other Leadership:	30 points	(Agriculture = 15 points, Community = 10 points, Goals = 5 points)
Total:	200 points	

AWARDS

Winner

- Kubota UTV sponsored by KFB Insurance
- 100 hours use of a Case IH tractor
- \$1,000 cash from Premier Crop Insurance
- \$750 Dyna-Gro seed voucher from Nutrien Ag. Solutions
- \$500 voucher from Southern States
- Apple iPad from Republic Bank
- Voucher for 12 bags of seed corn from Pioneer
- Expense paid trip to Austin, Texas for the AFBF Annual Meeting sponsored by KFBF

2nd Place

- 250 hours use of a Kubota Tractor
- \$3,000 cash from Community Trust Bank
- \$750 cash from Premier Crop Insurance
- \$500 Dyna-Gro seed voucher from Nutrien Ag. Solutions
- \$300 voucher from Southern States
- Apple iPad from Republic Bank
- Voucher for 8 bags of seed corn from Pioneer

3rd Place

- 100 hours use of a New Holland Tractor, 100 H.P or less
- \$1,000 cash from Community Trust Bank
- \$500 cash from Premier Crop Insurance
- \$250 Dyna-Gro seed voucher from Nutrien Ag. Solutions
- \$200 voucher from Southern States
- Apple iPad from Republic Bank
- Voucher for 6 bags of seed corn from Pioneer

*****Prizes subject to change*****

DATES OF INTEREST

- **June 14** – All completed applications **MUST** be received by this date to be a valid entry. After receipt, all applications will be judged, and county and district winners will be chosen.
- **July 26-27** – The Top three applicants and district winners will be recognized at the 2019 KFB Young Farmer Summer Outing in Somerset, KY.
- **September** – Judges will visit Top Three contestants' farms and state winner will be selected.
- **December 6** – Winners will be recognized at the Kentucky Farm Bureau State Annual Meeting.
- **January 2020** – State winner will compete at the American Farm Bureau Annual Meeting in Austin, TX.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION INFORMATION

1. You may mail the completed application to:

Jackson Tolle, Director
Young Farmer Program
Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation
9201 Bunsen Parkway
Louisville, KY 40220

2. Completed applications may also be emailed to jackson.tolle@kyfb.com

*An electronic version of the attached application is available online at kyfb.com/yf



**KENTUCKY FARM BUREAU FEDERATION
OUTSTANDING YOUNG FARM FAMILY AWARD
2019 APPLICATION**

The applicant should carefully read this entry form and application carefully before filling out any part of it. The entry form and completed application **MUST** be received by **Friday, June 14, 2019** to be considered. An electronic version of the application is available online at kyfb.com/yf. Completed applications may be submitted via mail or email: Kentucky Farm Bureau, ATTN: Jackson Tolle, 9201 Bunsen Parkway, Louisville, KY 40220; or emailed to jackson.tolle@kyfb.com.

The data below and throughout the application applies to you and your spouse, if married. Please indicate "Applicant 1" (A1) for husband and "Applicant 2" (A2) for wife when applicable. Do not use applicant's name, the name of his/her county, or any names that may bring about the recognition or identification of the applicant's county beyond the front page.

1. Applicant(s): A1 _____ A2 _____

Phonetic Pronunciation: _____

2. Address: _____

3. City _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone: A1 (____) ____-____ A2 (____) ____-____

4. Email Address: A1 _____ A2 _____

5. Date of Birth: A1 _____ A2 _____ Age: A1 _____ A2 _____

6. Education/Degree: A1 _____ A2 _____

Short courses or other specialized study: A1 _____ A2 _____

7. Number of children: _____ Age(s): _____

I (we) hereby certify the information on this entry form and attached application to be accurate and true statements, made to the best of our ability.

A1 _____ A2 _____
Applicant(s)

I hereby certify that the above named applicant is a member of the _____ **County Farm Bureau** and is eligible to be entered and considered for the Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation's "Outstanding Young Farm Family Award" for 2019.

_____ Date _____ County _____

Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation
Outstanding Young Farm Family Contest
2019 Application

Note: This application should reflect the operations of the immediate past tax accounting year. Remember to complete the application using first person narration for questions I-VI, and using A1 and A2 for question VII.

I. **PERSONAL BACKGROUND** (family, education and personal interests) – ***Approximately 1,500 characters***

II. **AGRICULTURAL STATUS** (Select all that apply) –

A. Owner Renter Manager

Please explain if:

 Partnership Corporation Joint Venture Other

Explanation – ***Approximately 250 characters:***

B. Please indicate and justify the percentage of contribution in the operation by the applicant(s) in the following areas:

_____ % personal capital involved

_____ % management/decision making

C. Please list specific responsibilities of the applicant(s) – ***Approximately 900 characters:***

D. Total acres operated: _____ Acres owned: _____

E. Year applicant(s) started farming or ranching: _____

III. **AGRICULTURAL OPERATION – Approximately 1,100 characters per section**

A. List Major Crops*	First Year: _____	Current Year	
	No. of Acres	No. of Acres	Yield per Acre
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

**Indicate if irrigated*

B. Under “Volume of Production,” indicate number of head, pounds, dozen or other appropriate measure of volume.

Enterprise	First Year: _____	Volume of Production	Current Year
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

C. Please be creative in explaining the operation if the agricultural enterprise does not fit within Sections A and B – **Approximately 2,000 characters.**

III. AGRICULTURAL OPERATION (continued) – Approximately 2,500 characters per section

D. How was the agricultural operation acquired? Indicate, in narrative form, what portion of the operation was purchased or personally earned by the applicant(s), acquired through inheritance, or acquired through partnership conversion, rental, or by a contract or management arrangement.

E. List other agricultural or related business enterprises, describing the size, relationship and importance to the total operation (i.e., custom harvesting, processing, ag tourism, etc.).

III. **AGRICULTURAL OPERATION (continued) - *Approximately 5,000 characters***

- F. Describe significant changes, expansion or improvement in management and marketing practices, and the acquisition of agricultural machinery, equipment and irrigation systems, and/or buildings built or devised by the applicant(s) since his/her involvement in the operation began.

IV. **APPLICANT'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT – Upload signed document as PDF**

Note: All information submitted is regarded as confidential, and upon completion of judging, all applications are returned to the KFBBF office to be destroyed.

Current market value of the **share of just the applicant(s)** of:

A. ASSETS	First Year: _____	2018	2017	2016
1. Value of land, building & other improvements	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. Value of machinery & equipment	_____	_____	_____	_____
3. Value of livestock & poultry	_____	_____	_____	_____
4. Value of crops & supplies on hand	_____	_____	_____	_____
5. Value of cash, stocks, bonds, other personal assets	_____	_____	_____	_____
6. Non-ag assets (primary dwelling, rental homes, etc.)	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL ASSETS	_____	_____	_____	_____
B. LIABILITIES				
1. Current liabilities (less than one year)	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. Intermediate liabilities	_____	_____	_____	_____
3. Long-term liabilities (10 years and up)	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL LIABILITIES	_____	_____	_____	_____
NET WORTH (total assets-total liabilities)	_____	_____	_____	_____
DEBT/ASSET RATIO (total liabilities/total assets)	_____	_____	_____	_____
C. AG EXPENSES AND RECEIPTS				
1. Total agricultural expenses	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. Total agricultural receipts	_____	_____	_____	_____
OPERATING EXPENSE RATIO	_____	_____	_____	_____
(total ag expenses/total ag receipts)				

Please explain any situations or circumstances that may have affected the above financial numbers:

Banker/Loan Officer/Tax Accountant Signature: _____

IV. **APPLICANT'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT (continued) – Approximately 2,500 characters per section**

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- D. Indicate other sources of income and property acquisition during the years the applicant(s) has been farming, such as off-farm employment, spouse/spousal-equivalent's income, gifts, prizes and/or inheritances.
- E. Discuss any unusual situations/problems that may have affected the operation that the applicant(s) has overcome and solved.

V. **Progress of Operation – Approximately 5,000 characters**

- A. List specific goals or objectives and achievements gained for production efficiency developed by the applicant(s) in improving the quality of the farming program such as: weight of pigs at 56 days, ratio of pounds of feed to pounds of gain, cost per 100 pounds of gain, pounds of butterfat per cow or yield per acre, efficient land use, or acreage increases.

List each on a new line. Follow the following format:

- *2014 Goals: Establish a purebred Angus cow herd; 2016 Achievement: currently own 50 head; Future Goal: increase heard by 10% each year*

V. **PROGRESS OF OPERATION (continued) - *Approximately 2,500 characters per section***

B. Describe ways in which the applicant(s) measures and evaluates the management of his/her farming operation.

C. Indicate plans the applicant(s) has for future expansion, improvements or changes in the agricultural operation.

VI. **GOALS - *Approximately 5,000 characters***

- A. What goals does the applicant(s) have for the next five years related to his/her career, Farm Bureau involvement and involvement in other organizations?

VII. **LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE - *Approximately 2,500 characters per section (20 lines)***

Note: This applies to both applicants, if applying together. Please indicate A1 and A2 when applicable.

- A. List Farm Bureau leadership roles, involvement opportunities, recognitions and/or awards received by the applicant(s), indicating service on committees, boards or as officers. Please include years of involvement. *Example: A1 – Elected President of the County Farm Bureau Board of Directors (2015-2016)*

County Farm Bureau

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VII. **LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE (continued) - Approximately 2,500 characters per section (20 lines)**

- B. List other agricultural leadership roles, involvement opportunities, recognitions and/or awards received by the applicant(s), indicating service on committees, boards or as officers. (i.e. Farm Credit, Soil Conservation, Farm Service Agency, farm cooperatives, 4-H, etc.) Please include organization, description and years of involvement.)

Example: A1 and A2 – 4-H, Serves as a 4-H Livestock Club Leader (2013 – present)

- C. List other community and non-agricultural leadership roles, involvement opportunities, recognitions and/or awards received by the applicant(s), indicating service on committees, boards or as officers. (i.e. civic/service clubs, church, school, volunteer leadership, etc.) Please include organization, description and years of involvement.)

Example: A1 – Local Elementary School, Served as PTA President (2015-2016)