

South Carolina Farm Bureau Federation
Young Farmer & Rancher Achievement Award

Rules for 2018-19 Competition

Eligibility

- An applicant can be either an individual or married couple. The 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 applicant(s) shall not turn 36 before January 31, 2020.
- Applicant(s) must be actively involved in production agriculture with a majority of his/her net income subject to normal production risks.
- Applicant(s) may compete in either the Achievement Award or the Excellence in Agriculture Award, but not both in the same year.
- Past state YF&R Achievement Award winners are not eligible to compete.
- Current employees of county, state and/or American Farm Bureaus and their affiliates are not eligible to compete. An affiliate is defined as an entity owned or controlled in whole or in part by another entity through, for example, ownership (including partial ownership) or positions on the board of directors.

Agreement

All applicants MUST agree to the following, in the event they are named a finalist or the State winner(s):

- Three state finalists are required to attend the SCFB Annual Meeting in Myrtle Beach, SC on November 30, 2018 where the finalists will be announced (Friday night hotel provided)
- Three state finalists are required to attend the awards program during the SCFB Young Farmers and Ranchers Conference in Columbia, SC on January 26, 2018 for the award announcement (Sat night hotel provided)
- The state winner must complete the AFBF AA application before the December 2019 deadline
- The state winner must attend the expense paid AFBF Annual Convention held in 2020 in Austin, Texas, January 17-22, 2020 (expense-paid)
- The state winner must be willing, within reason, to accept Farm Bureau leadership and or committee appointments/assignments between the time they are announced as winners and the time the AFBF AA application is due.

Entry Form & Application Guidelines

- 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 first-page entry form. For example, if your church name includes the town name, just use [town] Baptist Church.
- The entry form and application must be completed in first person narrative (i.e. I, me, we, etc.) for questions 1-6. Applicants must use "A1" and "A2" to denote each applicant for all of question 7.
- Do not use abbreviations or acronyms, unless it has been spelled out once with the abbreviation in parentheses behind it. For example, United States Department of Education (USDE). AFBF, FB, and YF&R are acceptable to use throughout the application.
- Type within the spaces allotted. All required fields must be completed on the online application portal including required attachments.
- Each applicant should submit five (5) pictures (electronic file only) of his/her/their farm, family and/or involvement. For seasonal farming operations, it is best to submit images of the farm during peak season. The images submitted will be used for a visual presentation of finalists at the SCFB Annual Convention, but will not be used during the judging process.

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

Judging

- The entry form and application of each entry will be coded upon receipt by SCFB. The applicant's name, town or county will not be revealed to the judges until judging of the written applications is completed and finalists are selected.
- Judging is based on the application sent to SCFB and an on-farm interview that will be scheduled in December 2018.
- A panel of three qualified judges will select the finalists and state winner. The top three competitors will be visited by the same three judges who reviewed the written applications.
- On-farm visits will last no longer than 2 hours and are intended to clear up any "gray areas" which may arise from the written application. The three finalists should understand that their on-farm visit by the judges 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**

Prizes

Achievement Award prizes are sponsored in part by the SC Farm Bureau Federation and Southern Farm Bureau Casualty Insurance Company.

Three finalists will receive:

- \$1,000 cash
- A one night stay at the 2018 Annual Meeting in Myrtle Beach on November 30, 2018
- A one night stay at the 2019 YF&R Conference in Columbia on January 26, 2019

The winner or winning couple will receive:

- \$33,750 towards the purchase of a new Ford truck
- An expense-paid trip to the 2019 AFBF FUSION Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on March 15-18, 2019.
- A one night stay at the SCFB Annual Meeting in Myrtle Beach on December 6, 2019 to be highlighted as the 2019 winner.
- An expense-paid trip (required) to compete at the AFBF annual meeting in Austin, TX, January 17-22, 2020.

Deadline

The completed and signed entry forms and online application MUST be submitted in the online award application portal no later than 4:00 pm, Thursday, November 1, 2018.

2018-19 SCFB Achievement Award Timeline

ALL APPLICANTS	July 2018	2018-19 Applications are posted
ALL APPLICANTS	November 1, 2018	2019-2020 Applications due
ALL APPLICANTS	By November 16, 2018	AA Finalists Announced
3 FINALISTS	November 30, 2018	2018 SCFB Annual Convention, Myrtle Beach, SC (one-night stay covered) - Finalists recognized
3 FINALISTS	By December 17, 2018	On-farm judging
3 FINALISTS	January 26, 2019	2019 SCFB YF&R Conference, Columbia, SC (one-night stay covered) - Finalists recognized/Winner announced (\$\$\$ Awards)
WINNER	March 15-18, 2019	2019 AFBF YF&R FUSION Conference in Milwaukee, WI (expense-paid)
WINNER	By April 2019	Winner selects & purchases new truck
WINNER	December 6, 2019	2019 Winner recognized at 2019 SCFB Annual Convention in Myrtle Beach, SC (one-night stay covered)
WINNER	December 9, 2019 (approx.)	AFBF Achievement Award application due
WINNER	January 17-22, 2020	2020 AFBF Annual Convention, Austin, TX (expense-paid) -SC winner competes nationally

**South Carolina Farm Bureau Federation
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2018-19 Entry Form**

THIS FORM IS INTENDED FOR REVIEW ONLY.

The applicant(s) should **read this entry form and application carefully** before completing any part of it. All applications **MUST** be completed in the online award application portal at scfarmbureau.awardsplatform.com. No emailed or paper applications will be accepted. The application must be submitted online **no later than 4:00 pm, Thursday, November 1, 2018.**

The data below and throughout the application applies to you and your spouse if married and you are applying as a couple. Please indicate "Applicant 1" (A1) and "Applicant 2" (A2) on question 7.

Applicant(s) Names*: A1 _____ A2 _____

**Will be used in the program and for recognition*

Phonetic Pronunciation: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Best Daytime Phone: A1 _____ A2 _____

Email: A1 _____ A2 _____

Date of Birth: A1 _____ A2 _____

Education/Degree: A1 _____ A2 _____

Short Courses/Specialized Study: A1 _____ A2 _____

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

- A. List major crops you produce (indicate if irrigated), comparing your first year of production to your current production.

Include number of acres for your first year, and your current acreage and yield per acre for the current year (2018). For each new crop, start a new line. Format in the following example:

- Orchardgrass Hay (Irrigated): 2010 - 5 acres; 2016 -10 acres and 6 round bales/acre

- B. List enterprises, comparing the volume of production difference between first year of operation and the current year

"Volume of Production" can indicate number of head, pounds, dozen or other appropriate measure of volume. List each enterprise on a separate line. Format in the following manner:

- Commercial Cow/Calf Operation: 2010 - 25 head; 2018 - 56 head

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

3. 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.).

3. 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.

4. **SCFB ACHIEVEMENT AWARD APPLICANT'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT** – Upload typed and signed document as a PDF in the application platform. **Must download and save pdf from application platform before filling out. (No handwritten financials will be accepted.)**
Note: All information submitted is regarded as confidential.

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

A. ASSETS	First Year: _____	2017	2016	2015
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:

Bank/Accounting Firm: _____

Banker/Loan Officer/Tax Accountant Name: _____

Banker/Loan Officer/Tax Accountant Signature: _____ Date: _____

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

Note: All information submitted is regarded as confidential.

- 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.

5. Progress of Operation – Approximately 5,000 characters

- A. A) Compare first year goals with current achievements and future goals.

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 to 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 goal on a new line. Follow the following format:

- *2010 Goals: Establish a purebred Angus cow herd; 2018 Achievement: currently own 50 head; Future Goal: increase herd by 10% each year*

5. 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.

6. 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?

7. LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE (from age 18 to current) - Approximately 2,500 characters per section (20 lines)

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

- B) List Farm Bureau leadership roles, involvement opportunities, recognitions and/or awards received by the applicant(s), indicating service on committees, boards or as officers at the **COUNTY LEVEL**.

List each activity on a new line, followed by the respective year(s). For example:

- A1 - President of the County Farm Bureau Board of Directors (2015-2016)

- A) CONTINUED: List Farm Bureau leadership roles, involvement opportunities, recognitions and/or awards received by the applicant(s), indicating service on committees, boards or as officers at the **STATE or NATIONAL LEVEL**.

List each activity on a new line, followed by the respective year(s). For example:

- A1 & A2 - State Excellence in Agriculture Winners (2016)

7. LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE (from age 18 to current) - Approximately 2,500 characters per section (20 lines)

- C) List other agricultural leadership roles, involvement opportunities, recognitions and/or awards received by the applicant(s), indicating service on committees, boards or as officers. (For example, Farm Credit, Soil Conservation, Farm Service Agency, farm cooperatives, 4-H, etc.)

Please list each organization on a new line, followed by a short description of your involvement, followed by the year(s). For example:

- A1 - 4-H, 4-H Livestock Club Leader (2013 - present)

- D) 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. (For example, civic/service clubs, church, school, volunteer leadership, etc.)

Please list each organization on a new line, followed by a short description of your involvement, followed by the year(s). For example:

- A1 - Local Elementary School, PTA President (2015 - 2016)