

## **South Carolina Farm Bureau Federation Young Farmer & Rancher Achievement Award**

### **Rules for 2020-2021 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, 2022.
- 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. Past employees who were responsible for implementing any of the YF&R Competitive Events at the state or national level are ineligible.

#### **Agreement**

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

- The state winner must complete the AFBF AA application before the December 2021 deadline.
- The state winner must agree to compete in the 2022 AFBF Achievement Award competition, scheduled to take place at the AFBF Annual Convention held in Atlanta, Georgia, January 7-12, 2022.
- The state winner must be willing, within reason, to accept Farm Bureau leadership and or assignments between the time they are announced as winners and the time the AFBF AA application is due.

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#### **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. A1/A2 cannot be used for questions 1-6.
- 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 promotion of finalists, but will not be used during the judging process.
- It will be up to the judges' discretion to deduct points if applications include activities before they were 18.

**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 and an on-farm interview that will be scheduled in December 2020.
- 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 3 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

The winner or winning couple will receive:

- \$33,750 towards the purchase of a new Ford truck
- An opportunity to attend the 2021 AFBF FUSION Conference in Portland, OR on March 12-15, 2021\*
- A one night stay at the SCFB Annual Meeting in Myrtle Beach on December 3, 2021 to be highlighted as the 2021 winner\*.
- A trip to compete (required) at the 2022 American Farm Bureau (AFBF) Annual Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, January 7-12, 2022\*.

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## 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, Sunday, November 1, 2020.**

## 2020-21 SCFB Achievement Award Timeline

<b>ALL APPLICANTS</b>	August 2020	2019-20 Applications are posted
<b>ALL APPLICANTS</b>	November 1, 2020	2019-2020 Applications due
<b>ALL APPLICANTS</b>	By November 15, 2020	AA Finalists Announced
<b>3 FINALISTS</b>	By December 18, 2020	On-farm judging
<b>WINNER</b>	March 12-15, 2020	2021 AFBF FUSION Conference in Portland, OR*
<b>WINNER</b>	By April 2021	Winner selects & purchases new truck
<b>WINNER</b>	December 3, 2021	2021 Winner recognized at 2021 SCFB Annual Convention in Myrtle Beach, SC (one-night stay covered)*
<b>WINNER</b>	December 10, 2021 (approx.)	AFBF Achievement Award application due (required)
<b>WINNER</b>	January 7-12, 2022	2022 AFBF Annual Convention, Atlanta, GA (expense-paid)* -SC winner competes nationally