

**SC Farm Bureau Federation
Young Farmers & Ranchers Excellence in Agriculture Award
2022-23 Entry Form**

Please submit this form via the online application portal. No emailed or mailed entry forms or applications will be accepted.

The data below and throughout the application applies to you and your spouse/spousal-equivalent, if married. Please indicate "Applicant 1" (A1) and "Applicant 2" (A2) when responding to question 6.

Applicant(s)*: 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 _____

Please provide one of the following for verification purposes – **upload to the application site:**

(check which form you are providing)

- Copy of Form 1099 or Form W-2
- A letter of verification from your employer or company on letterhead that includes length of employment and a brief description of your job responsibilities.

2022-23 SCFB Excellence in Agriculture Award Application Signature Page

Applicant(s) Name: _____

I (we) hereby certify the information on this entry form and online application to be accurate and true statements. **SCFB DOES NOT ACCEPT LIABILITY FOR APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED INCORRECTLY BY AN INDIVIDUAL OR COUNTY FARM BUREAU OFFICE.** I (we) have not derived a majority of my (our) income from an owned production agricultural enterprise in any of the past three years. By participating in the Event, I (we) warrant that I (we) warrant that I (we) fully and unconditionally agree to and accept the YF&R official contest rules and the decisions of SCFB, which are final and binding.

- 1) SCFB reserves the right to use my (our) photos and/or any video footage for use in promoting Farm Bureau. The photos and/or video footage of the undersigned contestant(s) may also be available to Farm Bureau sponsors.
- 2) This page must be printed, signed and uploaded to the SC Farm Bureau online award application portal.

Applicant(s) Signature(s): A1 _____ A2 _____

I hereby certify that the above named applicant(s) is a current member in good standing of our county Farm Bureau and is therefore eligible to be entered in and considered for SCFB's Young Farmer & Rancher Excellence in Agriculture Award for 2022-23.

County President/ County Secretary: _____

Date: _____

County: _____

Member #: _____

**South Carolina Farm Bureau Federation
Young Farmers & Ranchers Excellence in Agriculture Award**

2023 Application

Note: Remember to write in first person narrative (i.e., I, me, we, etc.) for questions 1-5. Remember no county-specific identifiers.

1. **PERSONAL BACKGROUND** (family, education and personal interests) – *Approximately 2,000 characters*

2. **AGRICULTURAL INVOLVEMENT** – *Approximately 2,500 characters*

- A. Please explain the applicant(s) occupation.

2. **AGRICULTURAL INVOLVEMENT (continued) - *Approximately 2,500 characters***

B. Please explain the applicant(s) personal involvement in agriculture/agribusiness.

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3. IMPACT ON AGRICULTURE - *Approximately 5,000 characters*

Clearly describe the efforts the applicant(s) have taken to positively promote and impact the agriculture industry. Examples may include things such as hosting farm tours, legislative visits, writing a blog, etc.

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4. **ISSUES FACING AGRICULTURE - *Approximately 5,000 characters***

- A. Agriculture faces important issues at the local, state, national and international levels. Explain three important issues that the industry needs to address in the next five years. Choose one issue from three of the four levels mentioned above. For example, an applicant might select ag literacy as a local issue, mental health as a state issue and rural broadband as a national issue.

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4. ISSUES FACING AGRICULTURE (continued) – *Approximately 5,000 characters*

B. Choose one of the issues in your response to 4A and discuss how you personally have addressed, or can address, that issue and work towards a resolution.

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5. GOALS - *Approximately 5,000 characters*

What goals does the applicant(s) have for the next five years related to his/her career, Farm Bureau involvement and involvement with other organizations? What steps have been made to reach these goals?

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6. **LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE (from age 18 to current)- Approximately 2,500 characters per section**

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 (2020-2021)*

County Farm Bureau

State/American Farm Bureau

6. **LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE (continued)- Approximately 2,500 characters per section**

- 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 & A2 – 4-H, Serves as a 4-H Livestock Club Leader (2019 – 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 Parent Teacher Association (PTA) President (2018-2021)

If you had any situations or circumstances that may affect your leadership experiences, please use this space to explain. If you don't have any situations or circumstances, please leave blank.

Approximately 250 characters

Note: There are no points associated to this section and can be left blank.

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