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Ohio Farm Bureau's YOUNG AGRICULTURAL PROFESSIONALS

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WELCOME

Welcome to the Young Agricultural Professionals program! We welcome farmers, teachers, foodies, feed and seed dealers, and anyone who is passionate about agriculture. Whether farming is your full time occupation or you are one of agriculture's biggest fans, we welcome you to join us in telling the story of agriculture.

Ohio Farm Bureau offers great opportunities for young members to build leadership, develop personally and professionally, network, and present a positive face of agriculture to the public. With state events such as Ag Day at the Capitol, Winter Leadership Experience, summer events and YAP D.C. Experience, we know that you can find a way to be engaged. As you grow toward your potential, we hope you will consider participating in the Excellence in Agriculture, Outstanding Young Farmer, and Discussion Meet contests.

You can also have an impact locally! Many Young Agricultural Professionals are involved at the county level as county board members, action team leaders, advisory council members, or maybe they help with a local Farm Bureau event a couple times of year. We know it is hard to take a few minutes out of your busy schedule at times, but being part of something as wonderful as agriculture sure makes it worthwhile.

On behalf of the rest of the advisory team members, thank you for being involved! It is our pleasure to serve such a great group of young agriculturalists.
Sincerely,

2013 YAP Advisory Team

FIRST-YEAR MEMBERS



Sarah and Aaron Heilers
Shelby County



Katie and Latham Farley
Montgomery County



Duayne and Monica Wetherell
Jefferson County



Ron Burns
Union County

SECOND-YEAR MEMBERS



Andrew and Tera Wentling
Stark County



Andrea Christenson
Fulton County



Derek Schmitt
Fairfield County



Matthew and Morgan Aultman
Darke County



Matt and Rachel Heimerl
Licking County



Join the Young Ag Professionals for a day filled with tours to various agriculture entities. The YAP Summer Reach Out Event will offer three different bus tours options with one being a kid friendly tour. There will be two adult orientated tours that will stop at two to three unique agricultural related businesses. Families are encouraged to stay for a night and enjoy the beautiful surrounding of Deer Creek State Park.

Washington, D.C. Leadership Experience

September 11-13, 2013



Young agricultural professionals are hand-chosen each year attend the three day Washington, D.C. Leadership Experience. Participants have the opportunity to share their ideas with members of Congress, learn about international agriculture by visiting an Embassy, meet with American Farm Bureau staff, discover how D.C. works behind the scenes by meeting with Capitol Hill staffers, and network with other Young Ag Professionals like you.

YOUNG AGRICULTURAL PROFESSIONALS Leadership Conference

March 22-23, 2013

Each year, Ohio Farm Bureau offers a special leadership conference just for young agricultural professionals like you.

The YAP Leadership Conference will be held in Dublin. There will be more than 12 breakout sessions on Saturday with topics ranging from "Generational Transition" to "Marketing your Farm Product" to "Healthy Family Meals using Local Foods". Friday night's entertainment will include a hypnotist. This conference will provide something for everyone.

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OUTSTANDING YOUNG FARMER

ELIGIBILITY

- Must be a Farm Bureau member.
- Must be 18-35 years of age prior to 1/31/14.
- Owner of and engaged in a production agriculture operation with a majority of their income subject to normal production risks.
- An applicant can be either an individual or a married couple. If married, husband and wife may apply as individuals or as co-applicants.
- Past OFBF/AFBF Outstanding Young Farmer/Excellence in Agriculture contest winners are not eligible to compete.
- Current OFBF YAP Advisory Team and current and past AFBF YF & R Committee members are not eligible.
- County Farm Bureau, OFBF and AFBF employees are not eligible, as well as affiliate companies.

COMPETITION & AWARDS

- STATE FINALISTS**
- One night lodging at the OFBF annual meeting in Columbus, Dec. 4-6, 2013
- STATE WINNER**
- Expense-paid trip to American Farm Bureau Federation annual meeting in San Antonio, TX, Jan. 12-15, 2014
 - \$1,000 in Grainger merchandise
- by Farm Credit Services
- NATIONAL WINNER**
- Free use, for a max of 250 hours, of a Kubota M-series tractor of choice, provided by Kubota (must be returned by Dec. 15, 2014)
 - Paid registration to the 2014 Leadership Conference Virginia Beach, Feb. 7-10, 2014
- National winner prizes to be announced.*

DISCUSSION MEET

ELIGIBILITY

- Must be a Farm Bureau member.
- Must be 18-35 years of age prior to 1/31/14.
- Must not have received a public speaking fee or honorarium.
- Previous state winners and current Ohio Farm Bureau Young Agricultural Professionals Advisory Team members are ineligible.
- Past and present members of the AFBF YF & R Committee may not apply.
- County Farm Bureau, OFBF and AFBF employees are not eligible, as well as affiliate companies.

COMPETITION & AWARDS

- FIRST ROUND**
- March 22, YAP Leadership Conference, Dublin, OH
- STATE COMPETITION**
- Free registration and overnight accommodations at the YAP Summer Reach Out Event, June 29, 2013 at Deer Creek State Park
- NATIONAL COMPETITION**
- Expense-paid trip to AFBF annual meeting in San Antonio, TX, Jan. 12-15, 2014
 - Jan. 12-15, 2014, San Antonio, TX
- National winner prizes to be announced.*
- State Winner will receive:**
- \$1,000 cash award from Nationwide Insurance

Ohio Farm Bureau Federation is looking for the Top Young Farmers in the state of Ohio. This award is designed to recognize successful young farmers, 35 years of age and younger, for achievement in the business of farming and leadership and involvement in the agricultural community, particularly within local and state Farm Bureau.

DEADLINE: All applications must be sent to your county Farm Bureau office by July 26, 2013.



Erik Scott,
Brown County
2012 Outstanding Young Farmer

EXCELLENCE in AGRICULTURE

ELIGIBILITY

- Must be a Farm Bureau member.
- Must be 18-35 years of age prior to 1/31/14.
- The ideal candidate is an individual or couple who does not have the majority of their income subject to normal agricultural production risks for the past three years.
- State semifinalists ONLY will be required to give a presentation at the state contest.
- An applicant can be either an individual or a married couple. If married, husband and wife may apply as individuals or as co-applicants.
- Past OFBF/AFBF Outstanding Young Farmer/Excellence in Agriculture contest winners are not eligible to compete.
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COMPETITION & AWARDS

- STATE SEMIFINALISTS**
- One-night lodging at the OFBF annual meeting in Columbus, Dec. 4-6, 2013
- STATE WINNER**
- A John Deere Gator, sponsored by Farm Credit Services
 - \$1,000 technology package redeemable at Staples, Best Buy or Amazon.com, sponsored by Ohio Farm Bureau
- NATIONAL WINNER**
- Expense-paid trip to American Farm Bureau Federation annual meeting in San Antonio, TX, Jan. 12-15, 2014
 - Paid registration to the 2014 Leadership Conference Virginia Beach, Feb. 7-10, 2014
- National winner prizes to be announced.*

Ohio Farm Bureau Federation is looking for the people who are at the top of their league in agriculture. This award is designed to recognize successful young agricultural professionals (singles or couples), who are actively contributing and growing through their involvement in Farm Bureau (local and state involvement), and agriculture.

DEADLINE: All applications must be sent to your county Farm Bureau office by July 26, 2013.



Greg McGlinch,
Darke County
2012 Excellence in Agriculture winner

JUDGING

Judges will select three state semifinalists (regardless of region). Then the panel of judges will interview the three semifinalists and a state winner will be announced at the Ohio Farm Bureau annual meeting in Columbus, Dec. 4-6, 2013. The state winner will then compete in the AFBF Excellence in Agriculture contest at the American Farm Bureau annual meeting, in San Antonio, TX, Jan. 12-15, 2014.

SCORING WILL BE BASED ON:
Involvement in agriculture | Leadership ability | Involvement and participation in Farm Bureau and other organizations | Presentation (STATE FINALS ONLY)

PRESENTATION FORMAT

The presentation is an interview that gives contestants an opportunity to share the information within their application. See application for specific instructions.

PLEASE NOTE | Applicants may compete in only one of the OFBF contests in a single year: Outstanding Young Farmer, Discussion Meet or Excellence in Agriculture.

THE DETAILS....

For complete Young Agricultural Professionals information, Discussion Meet entry form or contest applications **visit ofbf.org**, click on "Get Involved" then "Young Agricultural Professionals."

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