

Ohio Farm Bureau Guidelines for Young Ag Professional's Contests

Deadline for the Excellence in Ag and Outstanding Young Farmer applications to Ohio Farm Bureau is Friday, July 26, 2013 by 5 p.m.

All applicants must submit six (6) pictures of their farm/family/involvement in agriculture via e-mail or CD by Friday, July 26.

Applications and pictures can be submitted via mail to Ohio Farm Bureau, Attention: Melinda Witten, P.O. Box 182383 Columbus, Ohio 43218 or via e-mail to Melinda Witten at mwitten@ofbf.org. Please contact Melinda Witten with any questions or concerns regarding the applications or contests at 614-519-8761 or mwitten@ofbf.org.

Ohio Farm Bureau will adhere to all rules and guidelines set by the American Farm Bureau for the Excellence in Ag and Outstanding Young Farmer (Achievement Award) contests. Please see the applications for the complete listing of rules.

Timeline for the 2013 Young Ag Professionals Contests:

July 26- Excellence in Agriculture and Outstanding Young Farmer applications and six pictures are due to Melinda Witten by 5 p.m.

August 2 -All Outstanding Young Farmer and Excellence in Ag applications will be sent to the judges (three judges will be selected for each contest).

August 16-Judges will pick top three applications for each contest.

August 30 –Interview/presentation portion of the contests will take place at OFBF offices with top three applicants from each contest. The Excellence in Ag will have a 20 minute presentation and 5 minutes of Q/A. The Outstanding Young Farmer will have a 20-30 minute interview.

Early September -Winners of Excellence in Ag and Outstanding Young Farmer contests will be announced. Note: When the winners are announced, they will be given AFBF competitions and annual meeting information.

October/November/December -Hold work days for Excellence in Ag and Outstanding Young Farmer contestants. Finalist will work with OFBF staff to prepare applications and presentations for AFBF judging.

December 5 - Excellence in Ag and Outstanding Young Farmer winners and top finalists recognized at OFBF Annual Meeting at the Harvest Banquet. Attendance is optional for runner ups. Discussion Meet winner will also be recognized.

December 5 - The finalists are to send their applications and power point slides (via e-mail) to Melinda Witten for final review. Melinda Witten will submit the applications and power points to AFBF.

December 10 at 11:59 p.m. -Excellence in Ag and Outstanding Young Farmer applications and Discussion Meet contestants are due to AFBF.

January 12-15- Attend AFBF Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas. All expenses paid.