

Ohio Farm Bureau Guidelines for Young Ag Professional's Contests

Notes: AFBF Achievement Award is the same contest as the OFBF Outstanding Young Farmer contest. The AFBF applications say 2015 contest because the contest takes place at the AFBF Annual Meeting in January 2015.

Deadline for the Excellence in Ag and Outstanding Young Farmer applications to Ohio Farm Bureau is Friday, August 8, 2014 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, August 8.

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.

2014 OFBF YAP Contest Judging Timeline: (Dates are tentative and are subject to change)

August 8-OYF and EIA Applications due to Melinda Witten by 5 pm

August 13 -All Outstanding Young Farmer and Excellence in Ag applications will be sent to the judges (three judges will be selected for each contest)

August 29-Judges will pick top three applications for each contest

Sept. 19 -Interview portion of the contests will take place at OFBF offices with top three applicants from each contest.

Late September-Winners of Excellence in Ag and Outstanding Young Farmer contests will be announced

October-Excellence in Ag and Outstanding Young Farmer and Discussion Meet winners attend the Ohio Farm Bureau State Board Meeting

October/November/December (TBA) -Hold work day for Excellence in Ag and Outstanding Young Farmer contestants. Finalists will work with OFBF staff to prepare applications and presentations for AFBF judging.

December 9 - Applications are due to AFBF. Melinda will work with the winners to submit the applications.

December 9 at 11:59 p.m. -Excellence in Ag, Outstanding Young Farmer and Discussion Meet applications and power points are due to AFBF.

December 11- OYF and EIA 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.

January 10-13-Excelelnce in Ag, Outstanding Young Farmer and Discussion Meet winners will compete at AFBF Annual Meeting in San Diego, Ca. Expenses will paid as part of winners prize package.