

Ohio Farm Bureau Guidelines for Young Ag Professionals Contests

Notes: AFBF Achievement Award is the same contest as the OFBF Outstanding Young Farmer contest. The AFBF applications say 2020 contest because the contest takes place at the AFBF Annual Convention in January 2020.

Deadline for the Excellence in Ag and Outstanding Young Farmer applications to Ohio Farm Bureau is Friday, August 9, 2019 by 5 p.m. Applications can be submitted via e-mail to Kelsey Turner at kturner@ofbf.org. It is perfectly acceptable for the contestants to use an electronic signature for the Ohio contests.

Please contact Kelsey Turner with any questions or concerns regarding the applications or the contests at 419-603-6796 or kturner@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.

2020 OFBF YAP Contest Judging Timeline: (Dates are tentative and are subject to change)

- August 9- All Outstanding Young Farmer and Excellence in Ag applications due to Kelsey Turner by 5 p.m.
- August 12- All Outstanding Young Farmer and Excellence in Ag applications will be sent to the judges (three judges will be selected for each contest).
- August 26- Judges will pick the top three applications for each contest.
- August 28- Top three contestants in each contest will be notified.
- September 13- Interview portion of the contests will take place at OFBF offices with the top three applicants from each contest.
- September 13- Winners of Excellence in Ag and Outstanding Young Farmer contests will be announced.
- October 16-17-Excellence in Ag, Outstanding Young Farmer, and Discussion Meet winners attend the Ohio Farm Bureau State Board Meeting.
- Sept/Oct/Nov/Dec-(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.
- November 9 -Applications are due to OFBF. Melinda will work with the winners to finalize and proof applications.
- December 5-6 -Outstanding Young Farmer, Excellence in Ag winners and top finalists recognized at OFBF Annual Meeting at the Harvest Banquet. Attendance is optional for runners up. Discussion Meet winner will also be recognized.
- Dec. 12, 11:59 a.m.- Excellence in Ag, Outstanding Young Farmer and Discussion Meet applications and power points are due to AFBF.
- January 17-22, 2020- Excellence in Ag, Outstanding Young Farmer, and Discussion Meet winners will compete at AFBF Annual Convention in Austin, TX. Expenses will be paid as part of the winner's prize package.

Ohio's Outstanding Young Farmer Contest Prize Package

- 250 hours use of an M-Series Kubota tractor, courtesy of Kubota
- Polaris Ranger, courtesy of Polaris
- \$1,000 Grainger Gift Certificate courtesy of Farm Credit Mid-America
- Expense-paid trip to the American Farm Bureau Annual Convention

Excellence in Ag Contest Prize Package

- A John Deere Gator courtesy of Farm Credit Mid-America
- \$1,000 courtesy of Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau
- Expense-paid trip the American Farm Bureau Annual Convention