



Ohio Farm Bureau Federation Young Ag Professionals

Growing through action, leading with service, and filling a demand. Young Ag Professionals (YAP) are Farm Bureau Members 18-35 who share a common bond for the agricultural lifestyle, are interested in leadership development, and are dedicated to solving agriculture problems. The YAP program provides tailored programming for young adults to learn, grow, and network.

Learn more at [**experienceyap.com**](https://experienceyap.com).



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YAP State Committee

The state committee members assist with the direction, creation, and execution of Ohio Farm Bureau's annual Winter Leadership Experience and other YAP programming. The committee consists of eight positions, each being filled by either an individual or a married couple. Members serve a 2.5-year term, with four returning committee appointments and four new committee position appointments each year. **Applications open each spring.**

Competitive Events

Ohio Farm Bureau's strength depends on its members' abilities to analyze agricultural issues and decide on solutions that best meet their needs. Competitive events allow the organization to recognize outstanding YAP members at the state and national level. Watch for applications opening each summer for a chance to win the first place state prize package valued at over \$10,000, including a \$3,000 cash prize!

OUTSTANDING YOUNG FARMER

A competitive award designed to help young farmers strengthen their business skills, develop marketing opportunities and receive recognition for their accomplishments. Contestants are judged on the growth of their farm businesses and involvement in Farm Bureau and their community. Applications open in August.

EXCELLENCE IN AGRICULTURE

A competitive award designed for young ag professionals who do not derive the majority of their income from production agriculture to earn recognition for their contributions to the agriculture industry, while actively contributing and growing through their involvement in Farm Bureau and agriculture. Applications open in August.

DISCUSSION MEET

A competitive event designed to simulate a committee meeting where participants build basic discussion skills, develop a keen understanding of agricultural issues, and explore how groups can pool knowledge to reach consensus and solve problems. Registration opens in August



Leadership Events

WINTER LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

This annual conference is an opportunity to invest in your farm, your career, and your personal development. Through a series of high quality breakout sessions, keynote speakers, agricultural tours, and networking opportunities, attendees leave feeling empowered and equipped to make positive change. Whether you are a college student, industry professional, or a full or part-time farmer, there is something for everyone.



a foreign embassy, and networking with other YAP members. Connect with your county Farm Bureau if you are interested in being considered for this opportunity.

AFBF CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP

Ohio Farm Bureau seeks to make growth opportunities more accessible by sponsoring YAP members' registration and travel to either the American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) Young Farmers and Ranchers (YF&R) Conference or AFBF FUSION Conference, which are held on alternating years. Both conferences unite members from across the country to exchange ideas, seize growth opportunities, sharpen leadership skills, and network. You will leave either conference inspired with new energy and ideas for your engagement in agriculture and Farm Bureau!

COLLEGIATE FARM BUREAU

Collegiate Farm Bureau unites students interested in the food and agriculture industry on campus and to the statewide Young Ag Professionals program. Current chapters include The Ohio State University, Wilmington College, and Wright State University Lake Campus. Chapters serve as a connection between current industry professionals and students, promotes agriculture and related careers, and provides opportunity for students to grow in leadership through civic engagement, professional development, and experiential learning.

WASHINGTON, D.C. LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Young professionals with strong leadership potential are selected each year to share their ideas with members of Congress during a September fly in. The expense- paid professional development trip valued at over \$2,000 includes a visit with your congressional representative, industry and issues briefings, a behind-the-scenes look at how D.C. works, experience at



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