

2027 Excellence in Agriculture Award

A CONTEST FOR YOUNG AGRICULTURAL PROFESSIONALS 18-35

What is it?

The Excellence in Agriculture Award competition is designed as an opportunity for young agricultural 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.

Ideal candidate

- Involvement in agriculture and participation in Farm Bureau programs at the local, state and national levels is highly encouraged.
- Demonstrates strong leadership ability in Farm Bureau and in other organizations.
- Contributes civic involvement in the community.
- Possesses passion for resolving issues in agriculture today and the ability to propose an action plan for these challenges.
- Ability to communicate agricultural journey through written and verbal platforms.

Eligibility

- An applicant can be either an individual or a married couple or couple who has similar legal rights under the law applicable to Ohio. Applicant may choose to apply individually or as a couple.
- Applicant(s) must not have derived a majority of his/her net income from an owned production agriculture enterprise in any of the past three years.
- Must be an active/voting member of a county Farm Bureau.
- Must be at least 18 years of age upon applying and shall not have reached 36th birthday by January 17, 2028.
- Previous State Winners cannot apply.
- YAP State Committee members may not apply until the year in which they retire from the committee. The YAP state committee Class of 2027 is eligible to apply for the 2027 award.
- Trustees serving the Ohio Farm Bureau Board are eligible to apply for the award.
- Past and present members of the AFBF YF&R Committee may not apply.

Award Winner

- Expense-paid trip to the Ohio Farm Bureau Annual Meeting in December
- Media package
- \$3,000 cash award
- Expense-paid trip to represent Ohio at the American Farm Bureau Annual Convention in Oklahoma City, OK, Jan. 14-18, 2028.

Finalists

- Expense-paid trip to the Winter Leadership Experience Jan. 22-23, 2027
- Embroidered Ohio Farm Bureau Branded Apparel
- \$250 cash award

Schedule

- Apply by December 1, 2026
- Finalists interviews will be held on Friday, January 22, 2027 at the Winter Leadership Experience in Columbus, OH

Apply

Applications are due no later than December 1, 2026.

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Questions? Contact yap@ofbf.org



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