

2027 Outstanding Young Farmer

A CONTEST FOR YOUNG AGRICULTURAL PROFESSIONALS 18-35

What is it?

The Outstanding Young Farmer award is 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.

Representing the best of Ohio young farmers

The ideal candidate for this award is an individual or couple involved in production agriculture with a majority of his/her net income subject to normal production risks.

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 be actively engaged in farming and/or ranching, with the majority of his/her gross income coming from production agriculture. Applicant(s) must have at least three years of financial records showing that the majority of income came from production agriculture.
- 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

