

Kansas Farm Bureau Young Farmer & Rancher of the Year Award

Rules for 2021 KFB YF&R Competition

Adapted from the American Farm Bureau Achievement Award.

Background

The Young Farmer & Rancher of the Year Award is an annual competition of the Kansas Farm Bureau (KFB) Young Farmers & Ranchers (YF&R) program. Selection of the winning YF&R competitor is based on his/her efforts in production agriculture and leadership achievement. Participation in this program with individual recognition and the resulting publicity will help build the organization. **The ideal candidate(s) for the YF&R of the Year Award is an individual or couple involved in production agriculture with a majority of his/her income subject to normal production risks.** The winner(s) of the award will compete in the American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) Achievement Award competition in early 2022.

COVID-19: If KFB is unable to hold the 2021 YF&R Leaders Conference in-person due to COVID-19, the competitive events may be held virtually and/or on an alternate date/location, and all applicants should be made aware of this possibility prior to their application.

Information about the Achievement Award applicant is requested on the entry form. ALL INFORMATION IS HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND IS DESTROYED AFTER JUDGING IS COMPLETED.

Eligibility

- An applicant can be either an individual or a couple that is married or has similar legal rights under the law applicable to the state Farm Bureau organization. Applicant may choose to apply individually, rather than as a couple.
- Applicant(s) shall be a Farm Bureau member(s) between the ages of 18 and 35 in good standing with his/her county Farm Bureau. The individual or spouse/spousal-equivalent shall have reached his/her 18th birthday at the time he/she qualifies for the national competition and shall not have reached his/her 35th birthday by Jan. 31, 2022.
- Applicant(s) must be actively engaged in farming and/or ranching, with the majority of his/her net 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.
- Applicant(s) may only compete in one KFB YF&R Competition per year.
- Past and present members of the AFBF Young Farmers & Ranchers Committee, present members of the KFB YF&R Committee and/or their spouse are not eligible to compete.
- Past state YF&R of the Year or Achievement Award winners and/or previous AFBF Achievement Award competitors are not eligible to compete.
- Current employees or agents of county, state and/or the American Farm Bureau organizations and their affiliates are not eligible to compete. An affiliate is defined as an entity owned or controlled in whole or in part by another entity through, for example, ownership (including partial ownership) or positions on the board of directors. Past employees who were responsible for implementing any of the YF&R Competitive Events at the state or national level are ineligible.

Entry Form & Application Guidelines

- Do not use applicant's name, the name of his/her state or county, or any names that may bring about the recognition or identification of the applicant's state beyond the entry form. The written versions of the application have a search feature to locate any identifiers.
- The entry form and application must be completed in first person narrative (i.e. I, me, we, etc.) for questions 1-6. "A1"/"A2" may not be used for questions 1-6. Applicants must use "A1"/"A2" to denote each applicant for all of question 7.
- The Financial Statement must be typed and notarized; handwritten financial forms will be disqualified.
- Do not use abbreviations or acronyms, unless it has been spelled out once with the abbreviation in parentheses behind it. For example, United States Department of Education (USDE). AFBF, KFB, FB, and YF&R are acceptable to use throughout the application.
- The winning applicant(s) will be the KFB representative(s) in the 2022 AFBF Achievement Award contest and will be asked to update and expand their application to meet the AFBF qualifications prior to the deadline in late 2021. KFB staff will assist the winner(s) with this process and coach him/her prior to the 2022 AFBF competition. The

applicant(s) will also be highlighted at the 2021 KFB Annual Meeting to recognize the member(s), promote YF&R and encourage future participation in the contest.

- Applications must be submitted to yfr@kfb.org for entry in the contest.
- County Farm Bureaus have permission to reproduce the attached entry form as a recruitment tool.
- It will be up to the judges' discretion to deduct points if applicants include activities before they were 18.

Note: Disregard of the guidelines will result in disqualification of the application.

Judging

- The entry form and application of each state entry will be coded upon receipt by KFB. The applicant's name and state will not be revealed to the judges until judging is completed.
- Judging is based on the application sent to KFB and an interview during the 2021 KFB YF&R Leaders Conference.
- A panel of three qualified judges will select the national winners. The Top 5 competitors will be interviewed by the same three judges who reviewed the written applications.
- Interviews will be up to 20 minutes in length and are intended to clear up any "gray areas" which may arise from the written application. The Top 5 competitors should understand that their interview is for verification/clarification purposes and therefore may affect final rankings. The judges have discretion to change their rankings of the applications after the interviews are complete.
- During the interview process, only the named applicant(s) on the entry form is permitted into the interview, and the applicant(s) should refrain from using the name of his/her county, or any names that may bring about the recognition or identification of his/her county. Applicants can refer to each other by their first name throughout the interview.
- Values used in judging the applications will be:

Farm Operation and Growth:	70 points	
Financial Progress of Operation:	60 points	
Farm Bureau Leadership:	40 points	
Other Leadership:	30 points	(Agriculture = 15 points, Community = 10 points, Goals = 5 points)
Total:	200 points	

Deadline

Entry forms and applications must be emailed **on or before 11:59 p.m. CST June 1, 2021** to yfr@kfb.org.

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2021 Entry Form

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The data below and throughout the application applies to you and your spouse/spousal-equivalent, if married. Please indicate "Applicant 1" (A1) and "Applicant 2" (A2) on question 7.

Applicant(s)*: A1 _____ A2 _____
**Will be used in the program and for recognition*

Phonetic Pronunciation: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email: A1 _____ A2 _____

Date of Birth: A1 _____ A2 _____

Education/Degree: A1 _____ A2 _____

Short Courses/Specialized Study: A1 _____ A2 _____

I (we) hereby certify the information on this entry form and attached application to be accurate and true statements. KFB reserves the right to use my (our) photos and/or any video footage for use in promoting Farm Bureau. The photos and/or video footage of the undersigned contestant(s) may also be available to Farm Bureau sponsors. By participating in the Event, I (we) warrant that I (we) fully and unconditionally agree to and accept the YF&R official contest rules and the decisions of the KFB YF&R Committee, which are final and binding.

COVID-19

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Applicant(s) Signature(s): A1 _____ A2 _____

I hereby certify that the above-named applicant(s) is the official state entry and is therefore eligible to be entered in and considered for KFB's Young Farmer & Rancher of the Year Award for 2021.

County President: _____ Date: _____

County: _____

3. AGRICULTURAL OPERATION

A. **First Year:** _____ **Current Year** _____

List Major Crops*	<i>No. of Acres</i>	<i>No. of Acres</i>	<i>Yield per Acre</i>

**Indicate if irrigated*

B. Under "Volume of Production," indicate number of head, pounds, dozen or other appropriate measure of volume.

Volume of Production

Enterprise	First Year: _____	Current Year

C. Please be creative in explaining the operation if the agricultural enterprise does not fit within Sections A and B

3. AGRICULTURAL OPERATION (continued)

- D. How was the agricultural operation acquired? Indicate, in narrative form, what portion of the operation was purchased or personally earned by the applicant(s), acquired through inheritance, or acquired through partnership conversion, rental, or by a contract or management arrangement.

- E. List other agricultural or related business enterprises, describing the size, relationship and importance to the total operation (i.e., custom harvesting, processing, ag tourism, etc.).

3. AGRICULTURAL OPERATION (continued)

- F. Describe significant changes, expansion or improvement in management and marketing practices, and the acquisition of agricultural machinery, equipment and irrigation systems, and/or buildings built or devised by the applicant(s) since his/her involvement in the operation began.

4. APPLICANT'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT – Upload typed, signed and notarized document as a PDF. (No handwritten financials will be accepted.)
Note: All information submitted is regarded as confidential, and upon completion of judging, all applications are returned to the KFB office to be destroyed.

Current market value of the **share of just the applicant(s)** of:

A. ASSETS	First Year: _____	2020	2019	2018
1. Value of land, building & other improvements				
2. Value of machinery & equipment				
3. Value of livestock & poultry				
4. Value of crops & supplies on hand				
5. Value of cash, stocks, bonds, other personal assets				
6. Non-ag assets (primary dwelling, rental homes, etc.)				
TOTAL ASSETS				
B. LIABILITIES				
1. Current liabilities (less than one year)				
2. Intermediate liabilities				
3. Long-term liabilities (10 years and up)				
TOTAL LIABILITIES				
NET WORTH (total assets-total liabilities)				
DEBT/ASSET RATIO (total liabilities/total assets)				
C. AG EXPENSES AND RECEIPTS				
1. Total agricultural expenses				
2. Total agricultural receipts				
OPERATING EXPENSE RATIO (total ag expenses/total ag receipts)				

Please explain any situations or circumstances that may have affected the above financial numbers:

Banker/Loan Officer/Tax Accountant Signature: _____

5. Progress of Operation

- A. List specific goals or objectives and achievements gained for production efficiency developed by the applicant(s) in improving the quality of the farming program such as: weaning weight of pigs at 56 days, ratio of pounds of feed to pounds of gain, cost per 100 pounds of gain, pounds of butterfat per cow or yield per acre, efficient land use, or acreage increases.
For example: Goal first year - Improve environmental impact through production practices; Current Achievement - Received "Clean Water Farm Award" for my regional watershed; Future Goals - Add national recognition across multiple watersheds.

Goals in First Year	Current Achievement	Future Goals

5. PROGRESS OF OPERATION (continued)

B. Describe ways in which the applicant(s) measures and evaluates the management of his/her farming operation.

C. Indicate plans the applicant(s) has for future expansion, improvements or changes in the agricultural operation.

6. GOALS

- A. What goals does the applicant(s) have for the next five years related to his/her career, Farm Bureau involvement and involvement in other organizations? What steps have been made to reach these goals?

7. LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE (from age 18 to current)

Note: This applies to both applicants, if applying together. Please indicate A1 and A2 when applicable.

- A. List Farm Bureau leadership roles, involvement opportunities, recognitions and/or awards received by the applicant(s), indicating service on committees, boards or as officers. Please include years of involvement. *Example: A1 – Elected President of the County Farm Bureau Board of Directors (2018-2019)*

County Farm Bureau

State/American Farm Bureau

7. LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE (from age 18 to current)

- B. List other agricultural leadership roles, involvement opportunities, recognitions and/or awards received by the applicant(s), indicating service on committees, boards or as officers. (i.e. Farm Credit, Soil Conservation, Farm Service Agency, farm cooperatives, 4-H, etc.) Please include organization, description and years of involvement.

Example: A1 and A2 – 4-H, Serves as a 4-H Livestock Club Leader (2013 – present)

Organization	Description	Years
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- C. List other community and non-agricultural leadership roles, involvement opportunities, recognitions and/or awards received by the applicant(s), indicating service on committees, boards or as officers. (i.e. civic/service clubs, church, school, volunteer leadership, etc.) Please include organization, description and years of involvement.)

Example: A1 – Local Elementary School, Served as Parent Teacher Association (PTA) President (2017-2018)

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- D. If you had any situations or circumstances that may affected your leadership experiences, please use this space to explain. If you don't have any situations or circumstances, please leave blank. *Note: There are no points associated to this section and can be left blank.*