

**Kansas Farm Bureau
Young Farmers & Ranchers Excellence in Agriculture Award
2026 Entry Form**

Rules for 2026 Kansas YF&R Conference Competition

Background

The Young Farmers & Ranchers (YF&R) Excellence in Agriculture Award competition is designed as an opportunity for young farmers and ranchers to earn recognition, while actively contributing and growing through their involvement in Farm Bureau and agriculture. Participants will be judged on their involvement in agriculture, leadership ability, and participation/involvement in Farm Bureau and other organizations (i.e., civic, service and community). **The ideal candidate(s) for the Excellence in Agriculture Award is an individual or couple who does not have the majority of their gross income subject to normal production risk.**

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

Entry Form & Application Guidelines

- The entry form and application must be completed in first person narrative (i.e. I, me, we, etc.) for questions 1-5. "A1"/"A2" may not be used for questions 1-5. Applicants must use "A1"/"A2" to denote each applicant for all of question 6.
- 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, FB, and YF&R are acceptable to use throughout the application.
- 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.

Entry Form

Please submit this form via the online application process. No emailed or mailed entry forms or applications will be accepted.

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) when responding to question 6.

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 _____

I (we) hereby certify the information on this entry form and attached application to be accurate and true statements. **KFB DOES NOT ACCEPT LIABILITY FOR APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED INCORRECTLY BY A PARTICIPANT.** KFB reserves the right to use my (our) photos and/or any video footage for use in promoting Farm Bureau. I (we) have not derived a majority of my (our) income from an owned production agricultural enterprise in any of the past three years. 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 AFBF YF&R Committee, which are final and binding.

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

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1. **PERSONAL BACKGROUND** (family, education and personal interests) – ****Will not count towards overall points****

2. **AGRICULTURAL INVOLVEMENT**

- A. Please explain the applicant's (applicants') occupation and personal involvement in agriculture/agribusiness

3. **IMPACT ON AGRICULTURE**

Clearly describe the efforts the applicant(s) has taken to positively promote and impact the agriculture industry. Examples may include things such as hosting farm tours, legislative visits, writing a blog, etc.

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4. **ISSUES FACING AGRICULTURE** - *Approximately 5,000 characters*
- A. Agriculture faces important issues at the local and state levels. Explain two important issues that the industry needs to address in the next five years. Choose one issue for the local level and one issue for the state level. For example, an applicant might select ag literacy as a local issue and mental health as a state issue.
5. **GOALS** - What goals does the applicant(s) have for the next five years related to their career, Farm Bureau involvement and involvement with other organizations? What steps have been made to reach these goals?

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6. 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 and other agriculture 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 (2020-2021)*
- B. 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 (2018-2021)

If you had any situations or circumstances that may have affected your leadership experience, please use this space to explain.

*Note: There are **no** points associated to this section and can be left blank.*