

2023-2024 Awards Book



2023-2024 Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation Recognition & Awards Book

The Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation Recognition and Awards Program is designed to recognize parish Farm Bureaus for outstanding program achievements which involved leaders and members in programs to meet the needs of farmers today and tomorrow.

The Recognition and Awards Program measures accomplishments of your parish Farm Bureau from May 1, 2023 – May 1, 2024 in the areas of Quota, Membership, Public Relations, Women’s Leadership Activities, Young Farmers and Ranchers, Ag in the Classroom, Safety, Commodity, AgriPac, Legislative, Policy Development, and Disaster Relief.

The following awards will be presented:

	0 – 299 Points
	300 – 499 Points
	500 – 699 Points
	700 – 899 Points
	900+ Points

The President’s Award will be presented to the parish that has the highest number of points. In order to receive any points, documentation must be attached when it is required by the question. Ties will be broken by the parish that earns the most 100% questions.

A prerequisite for receiving the multi-star award is that the Awards Book must be received in the State Office on or before May 1, 2024.

It will be the responsibility of the Parish President to see that the Awards Book is submitted to LFBF and received on or before May 1, 2024. Please mail the Awards Book, labeled “Convention,” to LFBF, c/o Field Services Department, P.O. Box 95004, Baton Rouge, LA, 70895-9004, or scan and email to cyndig@lfbf.org.

Note: It is suggested that the Awards Book be separated into 11 sections and given to the corresponding committee chairmen to complete; as they will be the most familiar with the committees' activities. A meeting of these chairmen should be held in March or April to compile, review, and possibly revise prior to submitting the book.

An appropriate parish Recognition and Awards Program will be held in conjunction with the LFBF Annual Meeting.

The _____ Parish Farm Bureau submits this booklet as its entry in the Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation Awards Program for 2023-2024. The information is submitted in good faith and to the best of our knowledge is true and correct.

Parish President

*** You can access this booklet by visiting our website at www.lafarmbureau.org. Click on the Convention 2024 link and then "Awards Forms."

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I) MEMBERSHIP

1) Did your parish reach 2023 quota by June 22?

_____ Yes _____ No (30 points)

2) When did your parish reach 2024 quota? (only receive credit for one, not all)

By March 1st _____ (30 points)

By March 15th _____ (20 points)

By April 1st _____ (10 points)

3) Does your parish advertise Service-to-Member Programs to your general membership?

*****MUST ATTACH PICTURES OR AD COPY FOR EACH TO GET CREDIT*****

Newspaper Ads _____ (10 points)

Outdoor Signs _____ (10 points)

Displays _____ (10 points)

Other _____ (10 points)

II) INFORMATION & PUBLIC RELATIONS

1) Did your parish provide regular information, such as news stories, new ideas, YF&R Leadership Conference, LFBF Convention, or other parish Farm Bureau activities to your local radio stations, newspapers, and television stations?

_____ Yes _____ No

If yes, please list and attach documentation (pictures, articles, copy):

(5 points each for up to 20 points)

2) Did your parish nominate a TV station, radio station, or newspaper for the Farm Bureau media awards given at Convention?

Television _____ Yes _____ No (10 points)

Radio _____ Yes _____ No (10 points)

Newspaper _____ Yes _____ No (10 points)

3) Has a representative of the parish Farm Bureau communicated with any civic club or other organization with a program on Farm Bureau? This could be virtual or by e-mail.

_____ Yes _____ No

If yes, please list persons who made presentations and briefly summarize material presented. Attach pictures and printed material if available:

(10 points)

4) Does your parish Farm Bureau have an online Social Media presence?

_____ Yes _____ No

If yes, please list the Social Media outlets and account names (ie: Twitter - @LAFarmBureau, Instagram - @LaFarmBureau):

(20 points)

If yes, have you posted information at least monthly?

_____ Yes _____ No

(20 points)

***Note: Insurance agents' nor Queens' social media accounts qualify for credit.**

III) WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

1) Did your Women's Leadership Committee have a contestant/delegate in any of the following activities in 2023 at Convention?

Queen's Contest _____ Yes _____ No

Talent Contest _____ Yes _____ No

Talk Meet _____ Yes _____ No

Women's Voting Delegate _____ Yes _____ No

(5 points each for a total of 20)

(1 point awarded if submitted after deadline)

2) Did your parish Women's Leadership Committee promote the Louisiana Farm Bureau Foundation and/or Louisiana Ag in the Classroom Foundation with contributions to the 2023 LFBF Silent Auction?

_____ Yes _____ No

(15 points)

If yes, explain donation made:

3) Did your committee participate in the Veteran's Home Project (i.e. monetary donation sent to the state office, material donation to a Veteran's Home, Veteran's Home visit)?

_____ Yes _____ No

(15 points)

(5 points awarded if made after deadline)

If yes, which home(s), date(s), number of volunteers involved, and activities participated in:

4) Did your parish participate in the 2024 Leadership Conference hosted by the Women’s Leadership Committee?

_____ Yes _____ No

(15 points)

(5 points awarded if submitted after deadline)

If yes, list attendees:

5) Did your committee participate in the promotion of agriculture through the following WLC-sanctioned activities (i.e. AgExpo, Ronald McDonald House, PAWS, other “Our Food Link” activities, etc.)?

_____ Yes _____ No

(5 points each for a total of 25)

(1 point awarded if submitted after deadline)

If yes, which program(s), date(s), activities, number of volunteers involved, and number of people reached:

6) Did your committee hold at least four meetings during the 2023-2024 year and report to your parish Board of Directors?

_____ Yes _____ No

(10 points)

(5 points awarded if no supporting info provided)

If yes, please list the dates of the meetings and attach any available documentation (meeting notices, agendas, minutes, etc.):

*** If your parish is participating in the Women's Leadership Committee Award of Excellence, a total of 75 of the 100 possible points in the WLC portion is required. Please include photos, documentation, etc. immediately following this section. ***

IV) YOUNG FARMERS AND RANCHERS

1) Did your parish have an entry in the following events in 2023 at Convention:

Achievement Award Yes No

Discussion Meet Yes No

Excellence in Agriculture Yes No

Outstanding Young Farm Woman Yes No

Official Letter of Certification Yes No

(1 point each for a total of 5)

(1 point awarded if submitted after deadline)

2) Did your parish appoint/reappoint a YF&R Committee during the 2023-2024 year?

Yes No

(10 points)

If yes, list the name of your chair and committee members:

3) Did your committee hold at least three meetings during the 2023-2024 year and report to your parish Board of Directors?

Yes No

(10 points)

If yes, please list the meeting dates, explain the procedure used and attach documentation (agenda, minutes, etc.)

4) Did at least one member of your committee participate in the 2024 LFBF YF&R Leadership Conference?

_____ Yes _____ No

(15 points)

If yes, list the names of those who attended:

5) Did your parish support the Harvest for All program (or the state sanctioned service project at the 2024 LFBF YF&R Leadership Conference)?

_____ Yes _____ No

(15 points)

If yes, please list type of sponsorship (i.e. monetary donation, food donation, etc.) as well as donation location and date.

6) Did at least one member of your committee attend the AFBF YF&R Leadership Conference in 2024?

_____ Yes _____ No

(5 points)

If yes, list the names of those who attended:

7) Did your parish YF&R Committee members participate in the 2024 YF&R

Livestock show either through monetary donation or volunteer efforts made at the show?

Monetary Donation _____ Yes _____ No
(10 points)

Volunteered at the Show _____ Yes _____ No
(10 points)

8) Did your parish YF&R Committee members attend the 2024 LFBF YF&R State Capital day?

_____ Yes _____ No
(10 points)

If yes, please list those in attendance:

9) Did your parish YF&R Committee members participate in the promotion and sale of the 2024 LFBF YF&R Committee raffle by requesting and selling tickets from the state office?

_____ Yes _____ No
(10 points)

*** If your parish is participating in the Young Farmer and Rancher Committee Award of Merit, a total of 75 of the 100 possible points in the YF&R portion is required. Please include photos, documentation, etc. immediately following this section. ***

V) AG IN THE CLASSROOM (AITC)

1) Does your parish have an Ag in the Classroom (AITC) Committee of at least three members with a recognized active chairman whose name has been submitted to the State Office?

_____ Yes _____ No

If yes, list names: Chairman: _____

Members: _____

(15 points)

2) Did your parish volunteers participate in one of the AITC Educator Workshops or the AITC Convention Workshop?

_____ Yes _____ No

If yes, please explain the level of participation (i.e. – monetary donation, number of volunteers involved, provided refreshments/meals, etc.):

(15 points)
3) Did teachers from your parish participate in one of the AITC Educator Workshops?

_____ Yes _____ No

If yes, please list the location of the workshop they attended

4) Does your AITC Committee sponsor farm tours or conduct classroom visits?

_____ Yes _____ No

If yes, please provide dates and locations:

(10 points)

5) Did volunteers from your parish register and participate in the Louisiana Agriculture Literacy Project?

_____ Yes _____ No

If yes, please complete the following:

The number of volunteers: _____

The number of classrooms visited: _____

The number of students reached: _____

(15 points)

6) Did your parish financially support the Louisiana Foundation for Ag in the Classroom, Inc.? Please indicate the level of support:

Parish made a direct monetary donation:

\$100-\$299 _____ (5 points)

\$300+ _____ (10 points)

Parish made a donation to one of the fundraisers benefitting the AITC Foundation (i.e.- fishing tournament, sporting clay tournament):

\$500-\$999 _____ (5 points)

\$1000+ _____ (10 points)

(10 points max)

7) Did your parish submit a Teacher of the Year application?

_____ Yes _____ No

If yes, please list the name of the teacher:

(10 points)

8) Did your parish submit an AITC Mini-Grant application?

_____ Yes _____ No

(10 points)

VI) SAFETY

1) Does your parish have a Safety Committee?

_____ Yes _____ No

If yes, member(s) **must** be listed here to complete this question.

Chairman: _____

Members: _____

(25 points)

2) Did the committee meet at least one time during the year to discuss farm accident problems or safety in the parish?

_____ Yes _____ No

If yes, list date of meeting and attach any documentation available (meeting notice, agenda, minutes, etc.):

(15 points)

3) Does your parish Safety Committee inform members of the services offered by the LFBB Safety Department?

_____ Yes _____ No

If yes, list the methods and attach any printed materials available (flyers, mail outs, etc.):

(10 points)

4) Farm Bureau's Child-Saver Program makes it easy for our members to protect the children they love. Does your parish promote the Child-Saver Program by displaying the Cosco car seat and/or booster seat available, in addition to the brochures (order forms)?

_____ Yes _____ No

If yes, please attach a picture of your car seat display. (20 points)

5) The parish Farm Bureaus can keep the Safety Department apprised of any tractor fatalities or other major farm accidents occurring in their areas. Newspaper clippings are particularly valuable.

Has anyone in your parish Farm Bureau (office secretary, Safety Committee member, etc.) been mailing the clippings of local farm accidents to the Safety Department if available?

_____ Yes _____ No

If yes, who? _____ (10 points)

6) In what other way(s) has your parish leadership shown its commitment to promoting safe and healthy living habits among Farm Bureau members? (Example: sponsoring a Health & Fitness Day by offering cholesterol checks, blood pressure checks, hearing tests, skin cancer screenings, blood drive, CPR classes, etc.) Please attach any documentation or pictures.

EVENT

DATE CONDUCTED

(4 points each for a total of 20)

VII) COMMODITY

1) Did your parish appoint commodity committees for the major commodities produced in your parish?

_____ Yes _____ No

If yes, list the commodity members and the commodity they represent:

(30 points)

2) Did you submit nominations for membership on state commodity committees for those commodities produced in your parish?

_____ Yes _____ No

If yes, list the commodity and the members submitted:

(40 points)

3) Did at least one member from your parish who serves on a state advisory committee or their representative attend at least 50% of the state advisory committee meetings?

_____ Yes _____ No

If yes, list the commodity meetings, name of person (s), and date attended

(10 points for each commodity with a max of 30 points)

VIII) AGRIPAC

1) Has your parish contributed \$1 per member to AgriPac during the last 12 months?

IF LESS THAN \$1 PER MEMBER, ONE POINT PER ONE PERCENT OF MEMBERSHIP WILL BE AWARDED

Example: If a parish had \$1,000 members and \$600 was contributed, the parish will receive 60 points.

10 BONUS POINTS**

Example: If a parish had 1,000 members and \$1,200 was contributed, the parish will receive 110 points (the maximum allowed).

IX) LEGISLATIVE

1) Did the Parish President appoint a Legislative Committee and did your committee meet at least once during the year?

_____ Yes _____ No

If yes, please list the committee members, meeting dates, and attach any documentation available (meeting notices, agendas, minutes, etc.):

(20 points)

2) Did your Legislative Committee have a conversation at least once a year with your elected officials or state representatives and senators?

_____ Yes _____ No

If yes, please list the committee members, meeting dates, and attach any documentation available (meeting notices, agendas, minutes, etc.):

(30 points)

3) List any “Action Requested” communiqués from the State Office or any other agriculture organizations that you responded to and attach documentation:

(5 points each for a total of 20 points)

4) Did your Legislative Committee have a conversation at least once during the year with your congressman or U.S. senators or a representative from his/her office?

_____ Yes _____ No

If yes, list the date of meeting(s) and attach any documentation available (pictures, agenda, minutes, etc.):

(30 points)

X) POLICY DEVELOPMENT

1) Did the Parish President appoint a Policy Development/Resolutions committee of at least three members?

_____ Yes _____ No

If yes, list the committee members:

(20 points)

2) Did the Policy Development Committee report at least once to the parish Farm Bureau Board?

_____ Yes _____ No

If yes, list the date of meeting(s) and attach any documentation available (pictures, agenda, minutes, copy of report, etc):

(40 points)

3) Was your parish represented at the 2023 LFBF Convention by the number of voting delegates to which you are entitled? (That is, if you are eligible to have three delegates, did three attend?)

_____ Yes _____ No

If yes, list the delegates: (points awarded based on percentage of eligible delegates that attended i.e. $\frac{2}{3} = 67\%$ or 13 points)

(40 points)

XI) DISASTER RELIEF

- 1) Has someone from your parish Farm Bureau talked to your parish's Office of Emergency Preparedness (OEP) this year?

_____ Yes _____ No
(30 points)

- 2) Has someone from your parish OEP attended a Farm Bureau meeting?

_____ Yes _____ No
(40 points)

- 3) List any way your parish Farm Bureau has helped in disaster relief efforts from May 1, 2023, to May 1, 2024.

(Possible 30 points)