

Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation
Young Farmers & Ranchers Outstanding Young Farm Woman Award

Rules for the 2018 LFBF Annual Convention Competition

Background

The Outstanding Young Farm Woman Award is a program designed and promoted by the Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation (LFBF) Young Farmers & Ranchers (YF&R) Committee to recognize women for outstanding achievement. The role of women in agriculture has changed a great deal in the past decade. As their roles change, the State Young Farmers and Ranchers Committee felt a program was needed to recognize their efforts and promote leadership development. It is our hope that the Outstanding Young Farm Woman Award will assist in reaching this goal. It is recommended that parish Farm Bureaus provide an expenses-paid trip to the LFBF State Convention held in 2018 in New Orleans, LA June 21- June 24.

Information about the Outstanding Young Farm Woman applicant is requested on the entry form. ALL INFORMATION IS HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND IS DESTROYED AFTER JUDGING IS COMPLETED.

Eligibility

- Applicant(s) shall be a Farm Bureau member(s) between the ages of 18 and 35 in good standing with her parish Farm Bureau. The individual or spouse/spousal-equivalent shall have reached her 18th birthday at the time she qualifies for the state competition and shall not have reached his/her 36th birthday by Jan. 31, 2019.
- Applicants are able to apply for both the Outstanding Young Farm Woman Award and either the Achievement Award, or the Discussion Meet.
- Past state Outstanding Young Farm Women winners are not eligible to compete.
- Current employees of parish, state and/or American Farm Bureau employees are not eligible to compete.
- Contestants should derive a majority of their income from an owned agricultural operation.
- Each parish may submit one entry to be considered for state recognition and must use the LFBF entry form and application.

Entry Form & Application Guidelines

- Applicants for the State Award must use the official entry form posted online at www.lafarmbureau.org. Please keep your answers within the space allowed.
- Do not use applicant's name, the name of her parish, or any names that may bring about the recognition or identification of the applicant's parish beyond the entry form (pages 1-4).

Note: Disregarding any of the guidelines listed above will result in disqualification.

Judging

- The entry form and application of each state entry will be coded upon receipt by LFBF. The applicant's name and parish will not be revealed to the judges until judging is completed.
- Judging is based on the application sent to LFBF by the parish Farm Bureau and an interview prior to the LFBF State Convention.
- A panel of three qualified judges will select the state winner. The Top 3 competitors will be interviewed by the same three judges who reviewed the written applications.
- Finalists interviews will be conducted during the week of May 21-25.
- 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 3 competitors should understand that their interview is for verification/clarification purposes and therefore may affect final rankings.
- During the interview process, only the named applicant(s) on the entry form is permitted into the interview.
- The basis of their award is the individual's contributions to agriculture:

Regular/ Daily involvement in personal farming operation	40 points
Knowledge of agriculture	25 points
Involvement in ag-related organizations	25 points
<u>Involvement in community and service programs</u>	<u>10 points</u>
TOTAL POINTS	100 points

Deadline

Applications must be **received** in the state office no later than MARCH 1, 2018. The digital version of this application can be found online at www.lafarmbureau.org. Each parish should take advantage of the opportunity for much valuable publicity and promotion in recognizing its parish winners on a local level.

Tentative Prize List

- \$2,000 Visa Gift Card (courtesy of Louisiana Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company)
- Trip to AFBF YF&R Leadership Conference in 2019 for winner (courtesy of LFBF)
- \$1,500 Equipment Rental (courtesy of H&E Equipment Services)
- \$500 Cash (courtesy of BASF)
- \$250 Visa Gift Card (courtesy of Conquest Completion Services, LLC)
- \$250 Choice Hotel Gift Card (courtesy of LFBF)
- \$250 Farm Bureau Bank Card (courtesy of Louisiana Farm Bureau Insurance Companies)

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2018 Application and Entry Form

Note: Please complete this form using the application online at www.lafarmbureau.org. All applications must be **typed** in the form provided. No handwritten applications will be accepted.

The applicant should carefully read through this application and entry form **before** filling out any part of it. The parish winner's application and entry form must be **received in the state office on or before March 1, 2018**, to the office of Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation, PO Box 95004 Baton Rouge, LA 70895-9004 or megang@lfbf.org.

Applicants are able to apply for the LFBF Outstanding Young Farm Woman Award and the LFBF Achievement Award, or the LFBF Discussion Meet.

Applicant*: _____

**Will be used for recognition*

Phonetic Pronunciation: _____

Spouse's Name (if married): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Number of years you have been active in farming: _____

Highest grade or degree of schooling completed: _____

Education/Degree: _____

Short courses or other specialized study: _____

Number of children: _____ Ages: _____

I (we) hereby certify the information on this entry form and attached application to be accurate and true statements. **LFBF DOES NOT ACCEPT LIABILITY FOR APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED INCORRECTLY BY A PARISH FARM BUREAU OFFICE.** LFBF 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) fully and unconditionally agree to and accept the YF&R official contest rules and the decisions of the LFBF YF&R Committee, which are final and binding.

Applicant Signature

Date

I hereby certify that the above names applicant is the official parish entry and is therefore eligible to be entered in and considered for the LFBF Young Farmers & Ranchers Outstanding Young Farm Woman Award for 2018.

Parish President Signature

Date

Parish

Membership #

I. INTRODUCTION: Briefly explain type of farming operation - *1,250 character count max*

II. LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE – Approximately 2,250 characters per section

Note: This applies to you.

- A.** List the Farm Bureau leadership roles, involvement opportunities, recognitions and/or awards received by the applicant, indicating service on committees, boards or as officers at the PARISH level. *List each activity on a new line, followed by the applicable year(s). For example:*

i. Elected President of the Parish Farm Bureau Board of Directors (2016-2017)

- B.** List the Farm Bureau leadership roles, involvement opportunities, recognitions and/or awards received by the applicant, indicating service on committees, boards or as officers at the STATE or NATIONAL level.

List each activity on a new line, followed by the applicable year(s). For example:

i. District Director for Women's Leadership Committee (2015-2016)

II. LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE (continued) - Approximately 2,250 characters per section

- C.** List other agricultural leadership roles, involvement opportunities, recognitions and/or awards received by the applicant, indicating service on committees, boards or as officers.

List each organization on a new line, followed by a short description of your involvement, followed by the year(s). For example:

- i. National FFA Organization: American Degree Recipient (2016)*

- D.** List other community and non-agricultural leadership roles, involvement opportunities, recognitions and/or awards received by the applicant, indicating service on committees, boards or as officers. (For example, civic/service clubs, church, school, volunteer leadership, etc.)

List each organization on a new line, followed by a short description of your involvement, followed by the year(s). For example:

- i. Pleasant View Methodist Church: Church Deacons (2014 - 2016)*

III. ESSAY QUESTIONS: Express your viewpoint as the topic relates to you. - *Approximately 2,500 characters per section*

A. Importance of Farm Bureau to me as a young farm woman.

B. Importance of agriculture as a way of life.

III. ESSAY QUESTIONS: Express your viewpoint as the topic relates to you. - ***Approximately 2,500 characters per section***

C. What do you think is the single most important problem facing agriculture?

D. What is your daily role in your farming operation?

III. ESSAY QUESTIONS: Express your viewpoint as the topic relates to you. - ***Approximately 2,500 characters per section***

E. What are your contributing efforts in your family operations?