

Young Farmers of Virginia Outstanding Young Farmer Award Guidelines for Application

The following information should be included in a package sent to the Executive Secretary. Candidates may present any additional information they think is necessary to explain their programs adequately.

1. Personal Information

Candidate's name _____ Area _____
Address _____
Young Farmer Association _____
Date of birth _____ Place _____ Age _____
Spouse's name _____
Names of children _____ Age _____
_____ Age _____
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2. Farming Status (must be full-time)

Owner _____ Manager _____ Partner _____ Renter _____
Total acres farmed _____ Total acres owned _____

3. Type of Farm Program and How Farm Was Acquired

Type of operation: crop _____ livestock _____ general _____ other _____
How acquired: Bought by candidate _____ Renting _____
Acquired at least half by inheritance _____
Inherited entire operation _____ Full-time manager _____

4. Candidate's Total Capital Investment (optional)

Total value of land, buildings, livestock, equipment, and
other assets (round figures) \$ _____
Total debt \$ _____
Total net worth \$ _____

How capital was secured to start farming: _____

5. Evidence of Sound Farm and Home Management

- a. Economic balance of land, buildings, machinery
- b. Crop and livestock balance
- c. Efficiency of production
 1. Crops
 2. Livestock
- d. Food production and preservation

- e. Record keeping
- f. Soil and water conservation program in effect
- g. Farm forestry management

6. Plans for Future Development

7. General Appearance of the Farmstead and Recent Improvements

8. Progress Made on the Farm

- a. Soil improvement, conservation, cover crops
- b. Conservation and improvement of farm woodlot, use of timber to meet farm needs
- c. Crop production (crops suitable to farm improvement practices followed, yields, harvesting methods, storing facilities)
- d. Livestock production (pastures provided, herd improvement, disease and insect control, sanitation, feeding methods)
- e. Poultry production methods
- f. Facilities and care, repair, and housing of farm machinery
- g. Farm management, credit, financing, farm machinery to meet needs but not be excessive, use of labor, marketing of crops and livestock, and production of feed for livestock and poultry

9. Activities and Organizations

- a. Agricultural
- b. Religious
- c. Civic
- d. Other

10. Challenges Overcome in Getting Started as a Farmer

11. Role of Family in Operation