

Young Farmers of Virginia Agricultural Stewardship Award

I. General Information (0 points)

1. Biographical information

Candidate's name _____ Area _____

Address _____

Young Farmer Association _____ Age _____

Spouse's name _____

Names of children _____

2. Brief Description of operation including current acreage and land used for crop and livestock production.

3. Nutrient management plan? Yes No (Attach a copy)

4. Conservation plan? Yes No (Attach a copy)

5. Integrated pest management plan? Yes No (Attach a copy)

II. Crop Production and Conservation Practices (100 points for this section. Respond to those items that best apply to your question. Items 1 and 10 required. 3-page maximum.)

1. What is your personal stewardship philosophy?
2. Describe your soil-testing program.
3. Do you rotate crops and/or pastures? Please explain.
4. Describe your soil fertility program. How are manures and commercial fertilizers utilized?
5. Describe your pest management program.
6. How are pesticides and herbicides handled and applied on your farm?
7. What conservation production practices are used on your farm? (no-till, strip cropping, residue management, cross fencing, stock waters, other)
8. How do you safely store, handle, and apply nutrients on your farm?
9. List practices that control nutrient and sediment flow into waterways (field borders, stream bank protection and restoration, other).
10. Please attach six to eight pictures with narrative to show some of these practices.