



**YOUNG FARMERS
& RANCHERS**

GFB Young Farmers & Ranchers MEMBER OF THE YEAR 2019

The YF&R Member of the Year awards an outstanding YF&R member that is active within their local YF&R Committee, county Farm Bureau and agricultural community. The award area recognizes the diverse ways members can/should have an impact on their local areas, participate in county, district, and state level events, and work to encourage, educate, and lead other young farmers and ranchers.

Once applications have been submitted (deadline is June 1), a judging committee will select the top three applicants. The top three applicants will be contacted by the Georgia Farm Monitor (first two weeks of June) to set up a time/day to record the 'YF&R Member Spotlight' video. The video will cover the applicant's YF&R involvement, impact on agriculture, and methods to increase YF&R member participation. The top three applicants will be acknowledged at the YF&R Summer Leadership Conference. Members in attendance at the YF&R Summer Leadership conference will vote for the YF&R Member of the Year.

The Young Farmers and Ranchers Member of the Year application includes the following features necessary for completion:

- 1) Completed, TYPED application
- 2) One recommendation letter from community supporter and/or fellow YF&R member/volunteer. Recommendation letter should not come from GFB staff, board of directors, or office staff.
- 3) Four-six application supplements (i.e.: news articles, social media posts, pictures)
- 4) This application should be completed by the YF&R member being recognized within the application.

YF&R Member of Year Awards

Winner

- \$250 Cash Prize
- Paid trip, AFBF YF&R Conference

2nd & 3rd Runners-up

- \$150 Cash Prize
- Program Credit



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1. Full Name: _____

Birthdate: _____ County: _____

Home Address: _____

Cell # _____ FB Membership # _____

How many years have you been active in YF&R? _____

Do you serve on your county YF&R Committee: _____ YES _____ NO

2. Describe any YF&R or Farm Bureau events or activities that you have helped to coordinate, Chair, or Co-Chair. (2500 character count)



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3. Please list leadership roles, positions and committees you are a part of in YF&R, Farm Bureau, community (local and state level). Please include year(s) of service. (1500 character max)

Role/Position, Years of Service

(i.e. Volusia County Chamber of Commerce, Agriculture Advisory, 2016-2019)

4. YF&R Goals- List specific goals or objectives and achievements gained for by the applicant, YF&R committee and county

(i.e. **FY**- Increase county members participants by 50%. **Current Achievement**- Currently have 8 active members, a 40% increase. **Future**- Double current participation number to 16 members)

Goals	Current Status of Progress	Future Goal Expansion



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5. Please answer the following questions as fully and details as possible.

(500 characters max)

a. Why/How did you get involved in Young Farmers and Ranchers?

b. In your opinion, why is YF&R involvement and engagement important?

c. Please describe your occupation & community involvement outside of YF&R.



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6 a. Pick one event/program that you coordinated from this past year. Describe the reasoning for the event, the development of the event, promotion & marketing, execution of the event, and the events successes and opportunities for improvement.

(1500 character max)

6 b. What did you gain personally/professionally from this event/program?

(300 character max)



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7. Please complete the following in regards to events coordinated, led, and developed by your efforts in Young Farmers & Ranchers:

Number of people(adults/children) impacted/reached: _____

Personal hours dedicated to events: _____

Number of volunteers utilized: _____

8. Please list Farm Bureau involvement opportunities, recognitions and/or awards received by the applicant. Please include years of involvement and level of involvement (County, State, American) (2500 character max).



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9. Please include 4-6 addendums to your applications that detail and depict impact of applicant's YF&R involvement on the county, state, and American levels. If necessary, please include a caption (50-word max).

This can include, but is not limited to, pictures, letters, news articles, printed social media posts, and evaluations.

I (we) hereby certify the information on this entry form and attached application to be accurate and true statements. GFB 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) warrant that I (we) fully and unconditionally agree to and accept the YF&R official contest rules and the decisions of the GFB YF&R Committee, which are final and binding.

Applicant Signature: _____

I hereby certify that the above-named applicant(s) is the official state entry and is therefore eligible to be entered in and considered for GFB YF&R Member of the Year Award.

County President/Administrator: _____

Date: _____

Application must be submitted through the Online portal:

www.gfb.ag/YFRcompete

by June 1, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.