



YOUNG FARMERS & AG PROFESSIONALS®

Outstanding County Program

PURPOSE

The Outstanding County Young Farmers & Ag Professionals Program is designed to recognize and award those counties in Indiana with active county programs.

AWARDS

Awards will be given to the **top three** county Young Farmers & Ag Professionals (YF&AP) programs. Of the top three counties, the **highest scoring** county program will be awarded \$1000.00 to take back to their county Farm Bureau. The two runner-ups will be awarded an amount of \$500.00 to take back to their county Farm Bureau. These funds will be allocated to improve an existing/aid in the creation of a new YF&AP county program/event.

The **Most Improved** designation will be awarded to the one county that has the greatest increase in score, based upon the comparison of the previous two application forms. The county that receives this designation will receive an award recognizing that county as the most improved.

Up to three counties can be recognized with a certificate for the **Awakening Award**. The Awakening Award was started in 1998 to recognize County Young Farmers & Ag Professionals Programs that are new or have not applied for the contest in the last three years. The three counties that have the highest scores and have not applied in the past three years would be eligible for this award and receive a certificate recognizing their achievements.

Counties may also receive recognition for the **Most Volunteer hours, Dollars and Pounds of food** donated to the Feeding America Food Bank or affiliate (any denomination of each).

Recognition will take place during the Indiana Farm Bureau Young Farmers & Ag Professionals Leadership Conference, held annually at the end of January. Winning counties may be asked to share their county's activities during the conference.

ELIGIBILITY

All Indiana Farm Bureau County Young Farmers & Ag Professionals programs are eligible to apply. The program dates are October 1 to September 30. ***The same county can win in consecutive years.*

JUDGING

The point system to be used is as stated on the application form. If there is a tie, the tiebreaker will be the county with the most people attending the previous year's Young Farmers & Ag Professionals Leadership Conference, followed by the combined participation in the Achievement Award, Excellence in Ag Award and the Discussion Meet.

SUBMISSION

The 2021-22 Outstanding County Young Farmers & Ag Professionals application is to be submitted online through our website (www.infb.org). Visit the YF&AP page and click on "Awards and Competitions" to submit your application. If you are having issues with your submission, please contact engagement@infb.org. **DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 30.**





2021-2022 OUTSTANDING COUNTY YOUNG FARMERS & AG PROFESSIONALS AWARD APPLICATION

County _____ **District** _____ **Date** _____

1. County Young Farmers & Ag Professionals Chair. The County President must have appointed him/her and his/her name submitted to the state office.

_____ (Name) _____ (Email) _____ (age)
(5 points) _____

2. Chair serves on county board with voting privileges. **(10 points)** _____

3. Name Young Farmers & Ag Professionals Committee (at least 3). Names submitted to the state office.
_____, _____, _____ **(15 points)** _____

4. Number of Young Farmers & Ag Professionals, age 40 and under, serving on county board and/or committees **(5 points for each - maximum 25 points)** _____

5. Donation of time, money, or food to a Feeding America Food Bank or other food bank (any denomination of each). **(County will receive 5 points per bracket with a max of 25 points for each. Ex- 523 lbs of food = 15 points) Please provide exact pounds/dollars/hours donated in each box.**

A. Pounds of food donated _____

****For point division, see below:**

B. Dollars donated _____

1-250 (5) | 251-500 (10) | 501-750 (15) | 751-1000 (20) | 1000+ (25)

C. Volunteer hours donated _____

Total Section 5 _____

6. Number of county young farmers and ag professionals and/or YF&AP committee members who attended or participated in the following: **(5 points per person, maximum 25 points per function) Please provide exact number of individuals in each box. Please reach out to your Regional Manager, if you have questions on who participated in the following events.**

A. Young Farmers & Ag Professionals Leadership Conference _____

B. Achievement Award _____

C. Discussion Meet _____

D. Excellence in Agriculture _____

E. State Convention _____

F. District Wide Events _____

G. Advocacy Days _____

Total Section 6 _____

7. List and briefly describe YF&AP sponsored/coordinated local programs or activities. For each activity listed below, you must provide a brief one-paragraph description. Total activity descriptions should not exceed one page. If no description is listed, only half the points will be awarded. **(10 points each – max. 30 points)**

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

Total section 7 _____

8. List and briefly describe YF&AP sponsored/coordinated philanthropy/service projects separate from Feeding America. For each activity listed below, you must provide a brief one-paragraph description. Total activity descriptions should not exceed one page. If no description is listed, only half the points will be awarded. **(20 points each -max. of 60 points)**

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

TOTAL POINTS EARNED (395 POSSIBLE) _____

Please provide the name and email of your current county president.

County President _____

County President Email _____

Checking this box and typing your name below will act as your electronic signature indicating that all information submitted is final, accurate and true to the best of your knowledge.

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