



2026 Champion of Excellence Young Farmer County Programming Application

COUNTY	
DISTRICT	
YF CHAIR	
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The program or activity must have been conducted between the dates of July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026.

FORM ONE

1. County FB Event Volunteering (YFs are recruited to volunteer/serve during a County FB Event): Check all that apply.* *Check all that apply.*

- Harvest for All Event
- Project Rural Education Day/Educational Farm Tour
- Ag in the Classroom
- Membership Event
- Other County FB Events (Please explain below)

If you answered "Other County FB Event", please provide information about YF volunteers at other county FB events.

2. County Farm Bureau Event Young Farmer Attendance (Your County FB hosted or was a key partner and at least one YF member attended the event): Check all that apply.* *Check all that apply.*

- County Annual Meeting
- Crop Tour/Field Day
- Financial Workshop
- Legislative Breakfast/Meeting
- Promotion and Education event
- Other County FB Event (Please explain below)

If you answered "Other County FB Event", please provide more information about YF attendance at other county FB events.

3. County/District Young Farmer Sponsored Event Attendance (Your County or District Young Farmers hosted or was a key partner, and at least one YF member attended the event): Check all that apply.* *Check all that apply.*

- Sporting Event (Bowling, Cornhole, Golf Outing, Skeet Shoot, etc.)
- Social Hour (Coffee, Lunch, Dinner, Bonfire)
- Farm/County Tour
- Trivia/Game/Euchre Night
- Educational Workshop/Learning Session
- Other County/District YF Sponsored Social Events (Please explain below)

If you answered "Other County/District YF Sponsored Social Events", please provide more information about YF attendance at county/district YF-sponsored social events.

4. Young Farmer Competitions & Awards: Check all that apply. **Check all that apply.*

- Facilitate a County YF Award process
- Submitted a State YF Award applicant
- Sent a competitor to the District YF Discussion Meet
- Offer a competitive County YF/FB scholarship
- Other County Competitions/Awards (Please explain below)

If you answered "Other County Competitions/Awards", please provide more information about the other county YF competitions/awards.

5. State & National FB Event YF Attendance: Check all that apply. **Check all that apply.*

- MFB Young Farmer Leaders Conferences/Growing Together Attendee
- MFB Voice of Agriculture Attendee
- MFB Lansing Legislative Seminar Attendee
- MFB State Annual Meeting Delegate
- AFBF Annual Meeting Attendee
- AFBF FUSION/YF&R Conferences Attendee
- Other State/National FB Educational/Leadership Events (please explain below)

If you answered "Other State/National FB Educational/Leadership Events", please provide more information about YF attendance at other state/national FB educational/leadership events.

STAFF PORTION:

Please indicate which YF membership objective was met. One objective must be met to be considered for BRONZE and SILVER. Both must be met to be considered for GOLD. *Mark only one.*

- YF New Member Written
- YF Involvement
- BOTH YF New Member Written and YF Involvement

Is the Young Farmer Chair listed in iMIS? A chair must be listed/updated in iMIS to be considered for ALL LEVELS. *Mark only one oval.*

- Yes
- No

Did your Young Farmer Chair attend at least half of your County Farm Bureau Board Meetings? Chairs must attend at least half of your County Farm Bureau Board Meetings to be considered for ALL LEVELS. *Mark only one oval.*

- Yes
- No

FORM TWO

Take one event/activity/initiative that played a role in the recruitment, engagement, and/or retention of your Young Farmer program from the past membership year (July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026) and provide a more thorough explanation of the event by answering the questions below.

Name of Event*

Describe the event. * (When did it happen? Where did it take place? Who was your main audience? Etc.)

How did you promote the event and encourage participation? *

What were the main expenses for this event, and how were they covered (e.g., county funds, sponsorships, donations, grants, ticket sales, etc.)? *

Goals, Outcome & Key Takeaways *: *(List your goals and the outcome of your event. Did you meet the goals you set? If you did, what specific strategies or elements made it successful? If you didn't, what would you adjust or improve next time?)*

How did this event impact your county's overall YF recruitment, engagement, and/or retention? *

What is one tip, lesson learned, or key concept you would share to help another county successfully implement a similar event or initiative? *