

TEXAS YOUNG FARMERS ASSOCIATION AWARDS AND PROGRAMS HANDBOOK

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APPLY FOR AWARDS HERE

All winners will be recognized and presented awards at the State Convention unless otherwise noted. Winners must be registered and present **in person (not including online platform)** at the State Convention to receive monetary awards. Check awards will be mailed following the state Convention within 60 days. All applications become property of the State Association.

General Rules

1. Applications must be typed and will be submitted through the appropriate online application form.
2. The Chapter submitting the application will fill out the online application answering questions about the individual's service, experiences and contributions and explain to the committee why their member should receive this award.
3. Emphasis should be placed on activities of the immediate past membership year but may include additional information.
4. Each chapter may submit one application to the state for consideration. A committee will select the State winner.
5. The State office must receive the application by the deadline date: November 30, 2022.
6. The chapter of the applicant must have submitted its dues, roster, and program of work on the appropriate forms to the state office on or before November 1.
7. Applications not conforming to the rules will be rejected.

Eligibility

The applicant must have been a member for at least two years and currently be a paid, active member of a chapter in good standing with the Area and State associations.

State winners are eligible to reapply after 5 years.

A member applying for this award is not eligible to apply for any of the following individual recognition awards in the same year. Sundowner, Family of the Year or Star Young Farmer.

Individual Awards		
Star Young Farmer/ Agribusiness Award	The applicant must receive more than 50% of his/her annual NET income from an agricultural related career.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● State Winner- \$500 & Special Certificate ● State Runner-Up \$200 and Certificate ● Area Winner Certificate
Sundowner Award	The applicant must receive less than 50% of his/her annual NET income from agriculture. This award is designed for an individual who derives their major portion of income from non-agricultural sources, but has an additionally source of income from an agricultural source. Ideally, he/she should work at one occupation most of the time and conduct the agricultural activities “after 5:00 pm” and on weekends.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● State Winner- \$500 & Special Certificate ● State Runner-Up \$200 and Certificate ● Area Winner Certificate
Family of the Year Award	The purpose of the Young Farmer Family of the Year Award is to honor family units who are involved in their community and exemplify the traditional values of family life. In addition, the Young Farmer family promotes the ideals of the State Association of Young Farmers of Texas and the agriculture industry. Does not have to be Husband/Wife, Could be Brothers, Sisters, Dad/Son, Etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● State Winner- \$500 & Special Certificate ● State Runner-Up \$200 and Certificate ● Area Winner Certificate
Outstanding Member Award	The purpose of the Outstanding Member Award is to honor those Young Farmer members who exemplify and promote the ideals of the State Association of Young Farmers of Texas and the agriculture industry.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● State Winner- \$500 & Special Certificate ● State Runner-Up \$200 and Certificate ● Area Winner Certificate
Newcomer Award	The purpose of the Newcomer Award is to recognize first or second year members of the Young Farmers who have shown participation in the Texas Young Farmers at the state level as well as with their local chapter.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● State Winner- \$500 & Special Certificate ● State Runner-Up \$200 and Certificate ● Area Winner Certificate

Chapter Awards		
Outstanding Young Farmer Chapter	Report of the chapter's accomplishments shall cover the period of September 1 to August 31 of the previous membership year.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● State Winner-\$300 & Special Certificate ● State 1st Runner-Up \$200 and Certificate ● Area Winner Certificate
	<p>Criteria for Outstanding Young Farmer Chapter:</p> <p>a. <u>Educational</u>- any activity that will provide information or training to benefit the membership and/or agricultural students. Ex: Student of the Month, Sponsor student to attend camps or conferences, children's barnyard, monthly educational meetings, adult short courses.</p> <p><i>Highest emphasis.</i></p> <p>b. <u>Community Service</u>- activities sponsored or con-sponsored by the chapter that provides service to the community. The chapter must be recognized as a sponsor. Ex: Community-wide promotional activities, beautification projects, fundraising for charities. <i>Second highest emphasis.</i></p> <p>c. <u>Leadership</u>- activities with the purpose of developing and/or improving the leadership ability of members. Individual participation in non-Young Farmer activities shall not be reported UNLESS the individual is the designated representative of the Young Farmer chapter. Ex: Participation in conferences, conventions, and contests. <i>Third highest emphasis.</i></p> <p>d. <u>Recreational</u>- activities sponsored for the entertainment of the members. <i>Fourth highest emphasis.</i></p>	
Advisors of Outstanding Chapter	Advisors of the Winning Outstanding Chapter awards are recognized for their service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Advisors of State Winner Certificate ● Advisors of State Runner-Up Certificate
Outstanding Public Relations (Digital Scrapbook)	TBD	<p>State Winner- Special Certificate</p> <p>Area Winner- Special Certificate</p>
Outstanding New Chapter (chartered 3 years or less)	TBD	<p>State Winner \$100 Opportunity Grant & Certificate</p> <p>Area Winner Certificate</p>

Special Awards	
Advisor Tenure Awards	Presented to members of Young Farmer Chapters for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, etc. years of service Members will be recognized at the Annual Texas Young Farmer Convention
Outstanding Area Officer	(***recognized at the area level only***)
Outgoing State Officers	Vice President of the Year Special Certificate Outgoing State Officers Certificate