

2010 FARM WOMAN OF THE YEAR

VIRGINIA FARM BUREAU FEDERATION APPLICATION RULES AND REGULATIONS

Purpose of the Award

To recognize a farm woman for her achievements and contributions to her farm family and home, farm business, Farm Bureau, agriculture and community.

Rules

1. All Farm Bureau producer-member women are eligible except:
 - a. Members of the State Board of Directors
 - b. Members of the VFBF State Women's Committee
 - c. All county and state Farm Bureau employees or members of any of their (a, b, or c) family living in the same household.
2. The nominee and her family must be actively engaged in farming.
3. Each county Farm Bureau is eligible to submit **one** entry for the Virginia Farm Bureau Farm Woman of the Year Award. The applicant must be nominated and the winner in that county. The county Farm Bureau is responsible for determining the winner. The winner's application **must be submitted to VFBF no later than October 1, 2009 to the Women's and Young Farmers Department.**
4. Each Virginia Farm Bureau Field District will have one county Farm Woman of the Year candidate to represent that Field District at the convention. Each district candidate should be prepared for an interview by a panel of judges at the VFBF Convention, in Richmond. All district winners will be recognized at the VFBF Convention with a Certificate of Recognition.
5. The state winner will be announced at the VFBF Convention. Her expenses (and her husband's if married) to the annual convention (including meals, room and mileage) will be paid by the Virginia Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company. Other contestants' expenses will be covered from Monday lunch through Tuesday lunch. Each contestant should come prepared to give an acceptance speech. The state winner will receive \$500 from Virginia Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company. In addition, the state winner will be provided a list of possible engagements, which are pre-scheduled. She will be expected to attend each event. Expenses will be paid by VFBF for any state or district events.
6. District FWY winners may be called upon by district leaders and VFBF Farm Woman of the Year whenever the winner is not available to attend events in the respected field district area. VFBF will reimburse the District FWY for mileage when representing the VFBF Farm Woman of the Year.
7. Supporting material is to be included with the application:
 - a. One recent photograph with name and county attached to lower edge of photo.
 - b. At least three letters of recommendation.
 - c. Up to three pages of photos and /or news clippings.

NOTE: Failure to comply with contest rules will result in disqualification.

8. **Judging Criteria (100 points maximum)**

25 pts. – Farm, Family and Home
25 pts. – Farm Bureau Involvement

25 pts. – Farm Business
25 pts. – Community

9. **Interview - Overall Presentation (100 points maximum)**

Personal growth – 50 pts.
Accomplishments – 25 pts.
Leadership Involvement – 25 pts.

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County Farm Bureau _____ FB Membership Number _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Telephone () _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____

Email address: _____

FAMILY AND HOME ACTIVITIES

Please write a 3 to 5 sentence bio: _____

Did you grow up in a farm family? _____ If so, please describe your farm background. _____

Name of husband, if married _____

Names of children _____

Describe relationship to you of any others living in your home _____

Describe your hobbies and special things you do for yourself _____

FARM BUREAU INVOLVEMENT

How long have you been a member? _____

Describe your participation in Farm Bureau, past and present. *(Include projects and committees worked on, offices held, etc.)* _____

Why do you belong to Farm Bureau? _____

In your opinion, what is Farm Bureau's greatest achievement? _____

FARM BUSINESS INVOLVEMENT

Total number of acres owned _____ Total number of acres operated _____

Number of years farming _____ Number of employees other than family members _____

Please describe your farm operation *(including number of acres of each crop, head of livestock, etc. and other farm enterprises.)* _____

What are your responsibilities to the farm business? *(To what extent do you help with the operation and management).* _____

What are your or your family's goals or future plans for your farm business?

Are you employed in a job off the farm or do you receive income from other enterprises on the farm? If so, please describe your responsibilities? _____

In your opinion, what are the advantages and disadvantages of living on a farm? _____

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Please describe your activities in your community. Include agriculture, religious, civic, business and education organizations in which you are active and the extent of your participation (*offices held, committees served on and projects worked on and achievements.*)

How would you tell the story of agriculture?

Applicant's signature _____ **Date:** _____

County Farm Bureau Women's Chairman signature _____ (*required*)

Approved by _____ County Farm Bureau

County President's signature _____ (*required*)



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