

Indiana Young Farmers' Association

Official Application for Star Operation in Agriculture

DESCRIPTION

To recognize annually the outstanding members of the IYFA in ownership of a farm and/or agribusiness who have demonstrated growth and achievement in their operation. Applicants must display current responsibilities, future goals and leadership activities.

RULES OF THE AWARD

1. The Indiana Star Operation in Agriculture Award will be presented annually during the state convention of the Indiana Young Farmers' Association. Candidates may apply for only one of the following award applications in the same year: Star Leadership, Star Placement in Agriculture, Star Operation in Agriculture, or Star Improvement Project. Candidates must be present at the convention to receive the award.
2. All applicants must have paid state dues by December 1, had one year membership immediately preceding nomination for this award, and must be an active member during the year in which the application is made. There will be a points reduction assessed if this criteria is not met.
3. Notification will be made with a chapter official to verify qualifications of the applicant.
4. The judging committee will be selected by the Executive Director of the Indiana Young Farmers' Association. The judges will select a winner and runner-up from eligible applicants.
5. No applicant may receive the first place state award in this activity more than once every two years.
6. This application is limited to the previous three years of Young Farmer membership.
7. This application should be emailed to indianayoungfarmers@gmail.com or mailed to: Indiana Young Farmers' Association, P.O. Box 136, Brownstown, IN 47220 by or postmarked by January 1.

Scoring Area	Maximum Points
1. Current Information	60
a. Current Responsibilities	
b. Future Goals	
c. Background Information	
2. Leadership and Community Service Activities	25
a. IYFA Involvement	
b. Community Involvement	
3. Photos with Captions	<u>15</u>
Total	100

Please include the following information with your application:

1. Current Responsibilities, future goals and background information
 - a. Give a brief summary of your family background (i.e. spouse, children, etc.) (This question will only be used for script writing purposes; no points will be assessed.)
 - b. Describe how you became involved in the agriculture industry.
 - c. Give a description of your operation. Also, provide an example of a typical day on your farm or agribusiness operation. This should include a scope of your enterprise such as livestock raised, number of acres of each crop, items sold, etc.
 - d. Give a description of the equipment used in your operation and your percentage of ownership.
 - e. Highlight an achievement within your agriculture operation that you played an important role in reaching success. Give detailed information such as purpose or objective, challenges, and outcomes.
 - f. Identify two short term and two long term goals in your operation and what you are doing to achieve them.
2. Leadership and Community Activities
 - a. Briefly describe your IYFA involvement.
 - b. Briefly describe your community involvement.
 - c. Describe one of your most rewarding leadership experiences. Give detailed information on the purpose or objective, challenges, and outcome.
3. Photos and captions
 - a. Include at least 8 photos
 - b. Include two sentence captions with each photo.