

Indiana Young Farmers' Association

Official Application for Star Improvement Project

DESCRIPTION

To recognize IYFA members who have successfully planned and executed a project in or around the home or farm. This project could include improvement of home or farmstead or stewardship of our natural resources including land, air, water and energy.

RULES OF THE AWARD

1. The Indiana Star Improvement Project 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 October 1, attended three active chapter meetings during the year, 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 five years.
6. This application is limited to the previous three years of Young Farmer membership.
7. The application should be mailed to: Indiana Young Farmers' Association, Executive Director, Room 229, State House, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2798 by postmark date of November 30.

<u>Scoring Area</u>	<u>Maximum Points</u>
1. Resume	25
Contact Information	
Education	
Employment Information	
IYFA Involvement	
Awards & Recognition Received	
2. Project Summary Sheet	60
Project Description	
Features and Benefits	
Equipment and Labor	
Future of the Project	
3. Photos with captions	15
Total	100

Please include the following information with your application.

1. Attach a one page resume with the following information included:

- a. Contact information
- b. Education
- c. Employment Information
- d. IYFA Involvement
- e. Awards & Recognition Received

2. Project Summary Sheets (up to 4 pages)

- a. Project Description: *Sharing the Story*
 - i. Describe needs/wants for the area you have worked on.
 - ii. Share previous and current state.
- b. Features and Benefits
 - i. Describe why this project needed to be done.
 - ii. Describe the features and/or benefits of this project.
- c. Equipment & Labor
 - i. Describe equipment utilized during the project.
 - ii. Share timeline of project including the number of hours/days on the project, etc.
 - iii. List resources utilized in the project including people, equipment, materials, etc.
- d. Future of the Project
 - i. If there are additional phases to the project, please describe.
 1. Short term goals
 2. Long term goals
 - ii. How is the project area being utilized now that it is completed?
 - iii. Highlight your favorite part of the project.

3. Photos and Captions

- a. Include at least 8 photos (can be digital)
- b. Include two sentence captions with each photo