

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 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.

Scoring Area	Maximum Points
1. Resume	20
Contact information	
Education	
Employment Information	
IYFA Involvement	
Awards & Recognition Received	
2. Current information	50
Current responsibilities	
Future goals	
Background information	
3. Leadership and Community Service Activities	15
IYFA involvement	
Community involvement	
4. Photos and Captions	15
Total Points	<u>100</u>

1. Attach a one page resume with the following information

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

2. Current responsibilities, future goals, and background information. (up to 3 pages)

- 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 the 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.

3. Leadership and Community Activities (up to 1 page)

- a. Briefly describe your Young Farmer 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.

4. Photos and Caption

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