

KENTUCKY FARM BUREAU OUTSTANDING FARM BUREAU YOUTH CONTEST RULES

The purpose of the Outstanding Farm Bureau Youth Contest is to promote youth involvement in county Farm Bureau activities and to recognize leadership, achievements and awards in their schools and communities.

1. Children of all Kentucky Farm Bureau members are eligible to participate and must enter the contest in the county where the membership is paid. Contestants may only enter the contest in one county each year.
2. Contestants must be 15-years old at the time of the county contest, but not have reached 19-years old by January 1 of the following year.
3. A contestant who is married before the state contest is ineligible to enter.
4. Prior first place state winners are ineligible to enter.
5. Contestant dress for county and district level competitions is business casual (no jeans). For the state contest, females should wear business attire (suits, pants, skirts) and the males should wear suits (coat & tie). Business casual dress is appropriate for the personal interview portion of the state contest.
6. The contestant's school grades for the past two years, certified by a school official, must be attached, along with a one-page extra-curricular activities listing, to the application form.
7. If for any reason the county or district winner is disqualified or cannot participate, the first runner-up will represent that county or district. All district winners are expected to attend the state annual meeting unless an emergency occurs.
8. The contest will consist of a personal interview (not to exceed seven minutes). During the personal interview, contestants will be asked about school activities, special interests and career goals. The personal interview is followed by the on-stage portion of the competition. The on-stage portion consists of a two-minute prepared speech given by the contestant on a topic relating to Farm Bureau or agriculture. The contestant will be penalized a total of five points if the prepared speech exceeds two minutes.
9. The state Outstanding Farm Bureau Youth Contest is held during the Kentucky Farm Bureau Annual Meeting in Louisville in early December.

District # _____

Check One: Male
 Female

KENTUCKY FARM BUREAU OUTSTANDING FARM BUREAU YOUTH CONTEST APPLICATION

Name _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone () _____ E-Mail _____

Date of Birth _____ Age _____ Current Grade Level _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name _____

Kentucky Farm Bureau Membership is in the name of _____

Membership Number _____ Membership County _____

Signed _____
(Contestant)

Signed _____
(County Farm Bureau President or County Women's Chair)

Attach the following to this application:

- A one-page typed or handwritten listing of applicant's extra-curricular activities, special interests and/or leadership experience.
- A school transcript of grades for the past two years. The transcript must be certified by a school official.
- A current school photo (no larger than 4x6), if available.

Please note: All contest applications must be returned to the district women's chair seven days prior to the district contest, unless the county contest is held within that seven-day period, in order for the students to be eligible to compete.

KENTUCKY FARM BUREAU VARIETY CONTEST RULES

The purpose of the Variety Contest is to recognize young people and give them an opportunity to perform before audiences to gain valuable experience in the talent and entertainment field.

1. Contestants must be 6 years old at the time of the county contest, but not have reached 19 years old by January 1 of the following year.
2. When there is more than one contestant for an act, the act will be judged as a group and each member must fall in the age category.
3. Children of all Kentucky Farm Bureau members are eligible to participate in the Variety Contest.
4. The county Farm Bureau may enter one act in the district variety contest. All winning variety acts perform in a variety showcase at the state annual meeting in December. **(An act can represent the district only one year at the state variety showcase.)**
5. Contestants **must** be a member of a Farm Bureau family and must enter the contest in the county where the membership is paid. At least 50% of the members of any group entering the contest must be Farm Bureau members in the same county. Contestants can only enter the contest in one county each year.
6. Acts will be judged as follows: entertainment (50%), presentation (30%) and performance (20%). Variety acts will be limited to **five minutes** or be penalized a total of five points. **(The county and district winning acts must perform the same act at the next level of competition.)**
7. Prior district winners cannot enter the contest again either as a member of a winning group or as an individual.
8. It is recommended that judges be fair, impartial, unrelated to or acquainted with the contestants and be selected from outside the contest area.
9. Contestants are responsible for **all** props and/or instruments used for their act.
10. Professional entertainers are not eligible to participate. A professional entertainer is one who receives financial payment for performing. Prize-money, one-time donations or travel expenses are not considered payment for performing.

VARIETY CONTEST AWARDS

County & District Level

County/District prizes to be awarded at the discretion of the county/district.

State Level

All 11 district acts will perform at the Kentucky Farm Bureau Annual Meeting in December. A check in the amount of \$125 is awarded to each act at the conclusion of the State Variety Showcase.

