

THE UNITED STATES JUNIOR CHAMBER® Outstanding Young Farmer Nomination Form Instructions



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The purpose of the Outstanding Young Farmer (OYF) program is to foster better urban-rural relations through contact between Jaycees and farmers, by creating a greater public interest in, and understanding of, today's farmer and his or her challenges. Sponsored by John Deere, administered by The United States Junior Chamber, and supported by the Outstanding Farmers of America (OFA) Fraternity and the National Association of County Agricultural Agents (NACAA), the OYF program has recognized farmers for their outstanding achievement for more than 40 years.

All nominees are welcome to attend the National Outstanding Young Farmers Awards Congress; from all the state winners the top 25 state finalists along with their husband or wife will receive an all-inclusive trip to the OYF Awards Congress. From the top 25 state finalists, the Four National Winners are honored at the National Outstanding Young Farmers Awards Banquet.

This Awards Congress consists of educational lectures, speakers and forums, which conclude with a black tie banquet and ceremony, which might not be suitable for small children. A list of local caregivers has been provided by the Convention and Visitors Bureau and available upon request.

JUDGING CRITERIA

National winners are determined based on personal contributions in the following categories:

- A. Progress in agricultural career (50 percent)
- B. Extent of soil and water conservation practices (25 percent)
- C. Contributions to the well-being of the community, state, and nation (25 percent)

NOTE: Although we recognize the farm family, we ask that all information on this form be based only on the nominee's involvement in the farming operation.

STATE COMPETITION

- A. The young person selected as your community's Outstanding Young Farmer will receive local recognition and will become a nominee in your state OYF finals.
- B. In preparation for the state OYF finals, have your local winner fill out this form; **the financial statement is optional for the local and state competitions, but required for the national competition.**

NATIONAL COMPETITION

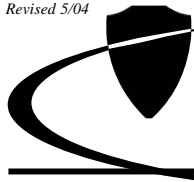
- A. All state winners entering national competition must sub-

mit the Outstanding Young Farmer Nomination Form **post-marked before October 1.**

- B. All information on the nomination form, including financial information, must be completed (financial information will be kept in strict confidence).
- C. Nomination forms may not be handwritten. This form may be photocopied. All information must be contained within the pages of this form.
- D. To qualify:
 1. Nominees must be certified winners of valid state competition.
 2. Nominees must be aged 21 through 39, not becoming 40 prior to January 1st before the National OYF Awards Congress.
 3. Nominees must be actual farm operators, deriving a minimum of two-thirds of their income from their farming.
- E. Submit three (3) 8"x10" prints. (1 picture head-and-shoulders shot of the nominee, and 2 pictures of the nominee and husband or wife only). Label the backs of all pictures/CD with the nominee's name along with description.
- F. ***Individual Pictures:*** Submit five (5) candid close up shots of nominee at work, including chores, paperwork, etc. ***Family Pictures:*** Five (5) 8"x10" prints of the farm family together. ***Farm Pictures:*** Thirty-Forty (30-40) overall prints of the farm & operation. Aerial shots if you already have them. Livestock & crops at different stages of growth. Any unusual equipment, especially if designed by nominee. Water and land conservation projects too. The nominee should be in most of these pictures. These photos will be used to create a video presentation to highlight the nominee's achievements and will not be used for judging purposes.
- G. Mail the completed nomination form and all the required pictures to the below noted address.

Additional nomination forms and information about the National Outstanding Young Farmers Awards Congress can be obtained by contacting:

The United States Junior Chamber
PO Box 7 • Tulsa, OK 74102-0007
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THE UNITED STATES JUNIOR CHAMBER® Outstanding Young Farmer NOMINATION FORM



PERSONAL INFORMATION

Nominee's name _____

Present age _____ Birth date _____

Mailing address _____

City _____

State _____ ZIP _____

Shipping address _____

City _____

State _____ ZIP _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Fax _____ E-mail address _____

Social Security number _____ Type of farm operation _____

Marital status: Single Married (Spouse's name) _____

Children (names and ages) _____

Schools attended (schools, academic honors, etc.) _____

MEDIA CONTACTS (include name, address, and city)

Newspapers _____

TV Stations _____

Radio Stations _____

Farm Publications _____

FOR THE NOMINEE: For, and in consideration of value received, receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, I hereby give The United States Junior Chamber the absolute right and permission to copyright and/or publish photographic portraits or pictures of me, in which I may be included in whole or in part, for art, advertising, trade, or any other lawful purpose whatsoever. I hereby waive any right that I may have to inspect and/or approve the finished product or the advertising copy that may be used in connection therewith, or the use to which it may be applied.

I hereby release, discharge, and agree to save and hold The United States Junior Chamber harmless from any liability by virtue of any blurring, distortion, alteration, optical illusion, or use in composite form, whether intentional or otherwise, that may occur or be produced in the making of said pictures, or in any processing tending toward the finished products.

All facts included in this information form are true and can be used for publication (EXCEPT SECTION 4, WHICH WILL BE KEPT IN STRICT CONFIDENCE). My signature constitutes acceptance of any award on local, state, and national levels of competition. My signature also attests that I will attend the National Outstanding Young Farmers Awards Congress if chosen as one of the twenty-five national finalists.

Signature of nominee _____ Date _____

FOR THE STATE JAYCEE PRESIDENT or COUNTY AG AGENT:

I certify the above is the duly selected nominee for the _____ state OYF Finals.

State Jaycee President Signature _____ Date _____

County Ag Agent Signature _____ Date _____

Other Signature _____ Title _____ Date _____

1. PROGRESS IN AGRICULTURAL CAREER

GENERAL INFORMATION

Number of years as a farm operator _____ Percentage of total income earned from farming _____

Total annual income earned from farming GROSS \$ _____ NET \$ _____

Number of days spent in "off-farm" employment _____ What is the "off-farm" employment _____

Is Nominee: Sole Proprietor Partner Salaried Manager Other (please list) _____

If other than sole proprietor, what percentage of policy and management decisions do you make? _____

Indicate the total number of acres operated _____ Tillable _____ Grazing or non-tillable _____

Of the above total, indicate the number of acres:

Owned individually _____ Owned in partnership _____ Percentage owned in partnership _____

Rented individually _____ Rented in partnership _____ Percentage rented in partnership _____

1. How and when did nominee get started?

2. What challenges has nominee faced and overcome?

3. What help has nominee received, including inheritances, gifts, family partnerships, etc?

4. Has nominee experimented with new production practices or developed new machinery? If so, describe.

5. What farm records are kept and how are they used in management analysis?

6. Why did nominee enter farming and what were his or her goals? What are they now?

7. What is the nominee's spouse's occupation and/or contribution to the farm operation?

2. EXTENT OF SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION PRACTICES

Comment on each of the following as they may pertain to soil type and topography of nominee's operation.

A. SOIL IMPROVEMENT (soil testing, fertilizer practices, soil structure, green manure, weed control, grazing practices)

B. EROSION CONTROL (wind and water)

C. WATER MANAGEMENT (irrigation, drainage, waterways, ponds)

D. REFORESTATION, WOODLAND IMPROVEMENT, WILDLIFE, AND RECREATION LAND USES

E. HOME AND FARMSTEAD IMPROVEMENTS

4. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

NOTE: This form is required for national competition and is optional for local or state competition. For national competition, the nominee may choose to copy this form on a white 8½" x 11" sheet of paper placing five copies in separate envelopes to be opened only by the judges.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION HISTORY *(total of operation, partnership included)*

ITEM	YEAR STARTED <i>(as a full time operator)</i>			CURRENT YEAR <i>(or last three-year average)</i>		
	Acres	Yield/Acre	Total \$ Sales	Acres	Yield/Acre	Total \$ Sales
Crops						
Livestock <i>(types and breeds)</i>	Number	Production per Unit	Total \$ Sales	Number	Production per Unit	Total \$ Sales
Total Crops and Livestock						
Describe what changes of production and/or marketing techniques occurred and why:						

PROGRESS IN NET WORTH — STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL Judges are not looking for the wealthiest farmer, but for the one whom has successfully increased net worth through good farm practices and management. All figures should reflect the increase today as against the time the nominee started farming. *Financial statement should reflect the nominee's share only.*

FINANCIAL STATEMENT		Year started as full-time operator _____		Current Year _____	
		Original Cost to Operator	Then Market Value	Original Cost Basis to Nominee	Current Market Value
Liquid Assets	Cash in Banks			(not applicable)	
	Stocks & Securities				
	Accounts Receivable			(not applicable)	
	Crops & Livestock <i>(to be sold in one year)</i>			(not applicable)	
	Farm Supplies on Hand				
Fixed Assets	Farmland & Buildings <i>(acres)</i>				
	Non-Agricultural Real Estate				
	Trees/Vines/Dairy cows/ Breeding Stock, etc.				
	Farm Machinery				
TOTAL ASSETS		(not applicable)		(not applicable)	
		Lender's Name	Original Loan Amount	Orig. Amount of Current Loans	Current Unpaid Portion
Short Term Debt	Operating Loans				
	Accounts Payable	(not applicable)		(not applicable)	
	Payments on Notes due in 1 year	(not applicable)		(not applicable)	
Long Term Debt	Loans on Farmland & Buildings				
	Loans on Non-Ag Real Estate				
	Loans on Farm Machinery				
TOTAL LIABILITIES		(not applicable)		(not applicable)	
NET WORTH OF NOMINEE		(not applicable)		(not applicable)	

CERTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Name _____

MUST be certified by nominee's banker, accountant, or financial management service. REQUIRED OF STATE WINNERS.

Title _____