

**All applicants must complete this section:**

Briefly describe you and/or your family's involvement in Farm Bureau: \_\_\_\_\_

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Write a short paragraph (using the space provided) telling why you think you would make a good NEFB Youth Ambassador.

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Contestant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**County Farm Bureau Certification:**

County Farm Bureau: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(County Farm Bureau Officer or Office Secretary)  
**MANDATORY**

**Please include a photo for publicity purposes.**

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# Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation®



## Youth Ambassador Scholarship Program Application

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# GUIDELINES

The Nebraska Farm Bureau Youth Ambassador Scholarship Program, which is sponsored by the Nebraska Farm Bureau's Ag Promotion Committee, is designed to surface young leaders who can use the advantages of their youth to tell agriculture's story to audiences whom may not otherwise hear it. It is also designed to display to the public that interest in agriculture, as a career, is alive and well. The Nebraska Farm Bureau Youth Ambassador will receive a college scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 and the two runners up will each receive \$500. These ambassadors will also receive exposure to state agricultural and government leaders and be provided with leadership training opportunities.

## Eligibility:

Any unmarried male or female in high school (16 years of age or older) who resides in a Farm Bureau member home are eligible to compete. The contestants must compete in or represent the county in which they or their family or guardian has a current Farm Bureau membership. Children or stepchildren who reside in the home of an employee for the Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation or its affiliates are ineligible to compete. Past state winners are ineligible to compete for a second time in the contest. Runners-up may reapply. Applications can be completed individually or as a joint application. All activities and requirements must be shared equally. No more than two students are allowed to apply jointly.

## Suggested Activities:

1. Meet with District Director of Member Services to gain an understanding of the scope and function of Farm Bureau.
2. During Farm City Week in November, the county ambassador helps publicize the role of agriculture.
3. Develop a program of 15 minutes to use at elementary schools or at Service Club meetings.
4. Publicize "Food Check-Out Day."
5. During National Agriculture Week, ambassador will visit an elementary classroom to present their program.  
The ambassador will incorporate the Nebraska Agriculture Books of the Year into this event. County Farm Bureau will assist with this activity.

## Required Activities:

1. Participate in the "Youth Ambassador Day at the Capitol" on March 16, 2010, hosted by the Nebraska Ag Promotion Committee.
  - a. County ambassadors are encouraged to contact their State Senators
  - b. Tour Capitol
  - c. Sit in on Legislature
  - d. Lunch
  - e. Visit NFBF Building and visit with key staff
2. Report of activities, plans for future activities and budget requests should be made to the county Farm Bureau at their regular meetings. Reports may be submitted in writing or in person.
3. To be considered for NFBF Youth Ambassador or runners-up (one Youth Ambassador and 2 runners-up will be selected), county ambassadors must submit a 10-minute Power Point presentation summarizing their county ag promotion activities. The Power Point presentation will be scored on knowledge of agriculture, community and organizational activities, proper grammar, and overall neatness. Up to six ambassadors could be asked to make a three-minute presentation about their county activities to an Ag Promotion Selection Committee. After each presentation, each semi-finalist will be asked questions offered by the judges. The presentation portion of the contest will be scored on content, composure, delivery, voice control of presentation and response to questions offered by the judges.

The final scores of the semi-finalists will be a combination of their Power Point and application scores. Those students not selected are encouraged to present their Power Point presentation at county Farm Bureau meetings and other events.

The NFBF Youth Ambassador will receive a \$1,000 scholarship and the two runners-up will each receive a \$500 scholarship. Scholarship checks will be awarded after the first semester of classes has been completed at an accredited college or university. A letter must be submitted to NFBF with proof of second semester enrollment in order to receive the check. County Farm Bureau's are encouraged to provide a stipend or scholarship to the county ambassador.

## To Enter:

Any interested students should submit a letter to their county Farm Bureau expressing a desire to be the Youth Ambassador. Contestants will be selected by their respective county Farm Bureau.

## NFBF Ambassador Code of Conduct:

1. The male and female selected shall serve as NFBF Youth Ambassadors during official public appearances and shall abide by the following guidelines:
  - a. Clear any and all appearances with the county Ag Promotion coordinator, county president or designated representative
  - b. Promote the NFBF, the farmers and ranchers of Nebraska and their products
  - c. Maintain professional conduct, dress, poise and personality when representing the NFBF
  - d. Not consume any alcoholic beverages or use illegal substances while representing the NEFB

If for any reason NFBF Youth Ambassadors cannot uphold the above standards, he or she will be required to forfeit his or her title and scholarship eligibility upon notification by the NFBF Ag Promotion Coordinator.

The applicant should carefully read through this application before filling out any part of it. **Please note the signature of the county Farm Bureau secretary or a county Farm Bureau officer is required before the application can be placed in the mail.** After being signed, the completed application, along with a Power Point presentation of county ag promotion activities, must be postmarked on or before May 1, 2010 and mailed to the following address:

Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation  
Attn: Ag Promotion Coordinator  
P.O. Box 80299  
Lincoln, NE 68501

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name called by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Male:  Female:

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

## High school students please complete this section:

(You may attach additional pages.)

I am currently a high school: Sophomore:  Junior:  Senior:

(Applicants must be at least 16 years of age.)

Name of school: \_\_\_\_\_

Current grade point average: \_\_\_\_\_ on a \_\_\_\_\_ scale

School activities: \_\_\_\_\_

Community/organizational activities: \_\_\_\_\_

Honors/awards/achievements: \_\_\_\_\_

Plans for the future: \_\_\_\_\_

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