

**SOUTH CAROLINA YOUNG FARMER & AGRIBUSINESS ASSOCIATION
HORTICULTURE OPERATION OF THE YEAR
APPLICATION**

PURPOSE: The SCYFAA Horticulture of the Year award is designed to recognize Young Farmer and Agribusinessmen throughout the state who have made outstanding progress towards becoming successfully established in Horticulture occupations. Also considered is the progress that has been made in the establishment of a home, participation in Young Farmer and Agribusiness activities and other leadership activities.

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS:

1. Contest open to all Young Farmer and Agribusiness members in good standing with the South Carolina Young Farmers and Agribusiness Association.
2. The winner of any award is only eligible to receive a higher award in the future.
3. Each member competing in the contest must submit an entry along with supporting evidence to the consultant before December 1.
4. A committee selected by the State Young Farmer and Agribusiness Executive Committee will select the state winners.
5. All awards will be presented at the State Young Farmer and Agribusiness Convention.

SCORING:

Growth and Progress	50 points
Leadership in Young Farmer and Agribusiness	30 points
Other Leadership	10 points
Overall Appearance of Operation	10 points

Awards:

\$300 cash and an engraved plaque to State winner

SUBMIT TO:

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I. Personal Background

Young Farmer Chapter _____ County _____

Nominee's Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Alt. Phone _____

Spouse (if married) _____

Names and Ages of Children _____

Hobbies and Recreation _____

Education _____

Short Courses or Specialized Study _____

Briefly Describe Your Operation _____

Nominee: _____ (sign and date)

Chapter Advisor: _____ (sign and date)

II. Horticultural Status (50 Points)

1. Nominee's Program – (Subtotal 0-40 Points) _____

Present Status:

- Owner
- Partner
- Manager
- Placement

Type of Operation:

- Landscaping
- Nursery/Greenhouse producer
- Sales and Service
- Other

Enterprise

Investment

Receipts

III. Explanation of the Horticultural Operation

- A. How did you get started in the Horticulture Industry? Please indicate, in narrative (sentence) form, what portion of your operation was purchased or personally earned; acquired through inheritance; acquired through partnership conversion or rental, contract or management arrangement. If family operation, partnership and/or corporation, please explain fully your responsibilities.
- B. Briefly describe changes, expansion or improvement in management practices in your operation since you began your operation. (for example: marketing, bookkeeping improvements, computer skills, etc.)
- C. What innovations in agricultural machinery and equipment have you built or devised? What types of buildings or other related structures have you built, devised or remodeled during the years covered in this report?

IV. Evidence of Sound Management Practices

- A. List goals or objectives for production efficiency developed by you to improve the quality of your horticulture operation such as: The return to investments, production per hour, or efficient use of resources.

** (Suggested format)

SPECIFIC GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND ACHIEVEMENTS GAINED		
Beginning Goals	Current Achievement	Current Goals

- B. Describe ways in which you measure and evaluate the management of your horticulture operation. All businessmen, consciously or unconsciously, evaluate and measure the management practices of their operation. Briefly describe how you decide which enterprise to engage, how to determine if you have been successful for a given year on your whole operation, etc.
- C. Indicate major problems connected with your operation that you have overcome or solved since you started business and describe some which you are currently trying to solve.
- D. Please indicate plans for improvements, future expansions or changes in your horticulture operations.

V. Leadership Experience

- A. List leadership roles you and your spouse have fulfilled in the South Carolina Young Farmer and Agribusiness Association indicating services on committees, boards or as officers. Indicate county, state, etc.
- B. List other agricultural related leadership positions held by you such as Farm Bureau, PCA, Federal Land Bank, Soil Conservation, REC, ASC or other farm cooperatives.
- C. List community and service programs participated in by you. (Civic and service clubs, church, school, etc.)
- D. List youth organizations such as FFA, 4-H, Scouts, etc. participated in by you and offices held or awards achieved.
- E. What are your leadership goals for the next five years?

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