

Maryland's Outstanding Young Farmer Award Nomination

The Maryland Outstanding Young Farmer award will be to a deserving young farmer who has demonstrated an exceptional commitment to agriculture in Maryland, progress in their agricultural career, use of resource conservation practices, and contributions to their community.

An award winner will be chosen by the Governor's Selection Committee from nominees submitted. The decision of the committee is final. All nominations must be submitted with complete information on the official nomination form. Nominations are encouraged to include photos of the young farmers and the farm.



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**MARYLAND OUTSTANDING YOUNG FARMER AWARD
OVERVIEW AND SIGNATURE PAGE**

Purpose: The Maryland Outstanding Young Farmer award recognizes a deserving young farmer who has demonstrated an exceptional commitment to agriculture in Maryland, progress in their agricultural career, use of resource conservation practices, and contributions to their community.

Application/Qualification

The following criteria must be met during the nomination process:

- All nominations must be submitted on the official Maryland Outstanding Young Farmer Nomination Form by October 11, 2016
- Applications may be emailed to Rachel.rhodes@maryland.gov
- Nominations must be typed in 12 point Times New Roman font
- To qualify:
 - Nominees must be between the ages of 21 to 45 years old.
 - Nominees must be farm operators of a Maryland farm, deriving at least 50% of their income from farming.
- Nominations may be submitted by anyone.

Judging Criteria

The Maryland Outstanding Young Farmer award will be determined based on personal contributions in the following categories:

- Progress in agricultural career (50%)
- Use of resource conservation practices (25%)
- Contributions to agriculture and community organizations (25%)

Nomination Submitted by:

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: (____) ____ - _____ Email: _____
Relationship to Nominee: _____

Completed nominations must be received by 5 p.m. on October 11, 2016
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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Nominee's Name: _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Marital Status: _____ Spouse's Name: _____

Children (Name and Ages): _____

Farm Name: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____ Website: _____

Farm Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Number of Years in Farming: _____

Type of Farm: _____

Size of Farm (Acres): _____ Number of Animals: _____

Provide reasons why this farm family should be named the Maryland Outstanding Young Farmer. Information should be provided on no more than 5 typed 8 ½ x 11 pages in 12 point font. In addition to the written nomination, photos of the family and farm must be attached.

Please ensure your nomination includes the following:

- How and when did the nominee get started in farming/agriculture?
- Why did the nominee enter farming and what were his/her goals? What are they now?
- Explain the role resource conservation practices play in the farming operation.
- What type of agriculture and community leadership does the nominee provide?
- What kind of involvement in agriculture organizations or activities does the nominee participate.
- Involvement and service to the community.
- Describe any previous awards or recognitions received by the nominee.

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