

OUTSTANDING YF&R WOMAN OF THE YEAR

The Tennessee Outstanding YF&R Woman of the Year Contest will be announced during the **State Convention in Franklin at the Embassy Suites on December 7, 2025**. The contest will be held virtually in advance of convention. Contestants will be judged by a committee of three impartial judges. Each contestant must comply with the rules set forth below. The purpose of this contest is to recognize a woman who through hard work, creativity, and perseverance is positively contributing to agriculture.

We will recognize the **Top Five District Outstanding Young Women** along with the state winner. **Each contestant** will receive a certificate and a \$200 cash award from Tennessee Farm Bureau. **Each of the Top Five District Outstanding Young Women** will receive a \$500 cash award from TFBF. **The state winner** will receive a 6ft Cutter from Bush Hog and Eagleville Implement, \$1,000 cash award from TFBF, a trip to the AFBF YF&R Leadership Conference, and trips to all Tennessee YF&R Conferences. The state winner will also serve as Ex-Officio on the State Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Committee for the year. If a district doesn't have a contestant, then no prize will be awarded. **All contestants must be present at the YF&R Dinner** on Sunday, December 7th to receive cash awards. The Young Farmer State Recognition and Awards will be presented at The Farm Bureau Leadership Recognition Program at the Marriott Hotel beginning at 7:00 p.m. **District winners must be present at the Recognition Program** to receive cash awards.

RULES

1. Contestants must be 18 years old, but no more than 35 years of age as of December 31, 2025.
2. Participants at the state convention must be attired in Sunday or Business Dress during contest.
3. No previous Outstanding Young Woman state winner is eligible to compete.
4. **(Only the district finalists will be interviewed)**. Contestants will be judged on the interview and the application: 40% Farm Bureau/YF&R Activities (including current and past years activities, offices held, and committees and projects involved in on the state, district or local level); 20% Question Answering "How do you positively promote agriculture?"; 30% Community Involvement, and 10% Interview.
5. Interview time limit of 10 minutes.
6. The State Winner will be recognized on Monday Evening during the Tennessee Farm Bureau Banquet.
7. Applications **must be completed and submitted online** www.tnfarmbureau.org/outstanding-young-woman by 11:59 p.m. CST **November 1**. Applicants are required to upload three pictures and a short bio as attachments with your online application or email pictures and bio to Kristy Chastine at kchastine@tbf.com. Applicants must be Farm Bureau members in good standing.

MABEL PATTAT LEADERSHIP AWARD

Mrs. Harold (Mabel) Pattat first became active in Farm Bureau through Young Farmers & Ranchers during the 1950's in Fayette County in District I. After Mrs. Pattat became active as county women's chairman and board member, she was elected to the State Women's Committee in 1971. In 1981, she was elected as chairman of the State Women's Committee and to the TFBF Board of Directors. During her tenure, county Farm Bureau Women's Committees became more active in Commodity Promotion, Public Relations, Legislative Activities, Leadership Development and especially Ag in the Classroom.

In June of 1991, Mabel died after a lengthy battle with Cancer. Her life was an inspiration to everyone she came in contact with and she promoted agriculture and leadership in Farm Bureau right up to her death.

Because of the influence that she was in all of our lives, the TFBF Women's Committee established the Mabel Pattat Leadership Award in 1992 to be presented to the Young Farmers & Ranchers Outstanding Young Woman each year during the State Convention.

Each year's winner's name will be engraved on a permanent plaque that hangs in the Special Programs Division at the TFBF office in Columbia.

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(READING COPY ONLY)**

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME: _____ SPOUSE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE: _____ ZIPCODE: _____

COUNTY: _____ EMAIL: _____

HOME NUMBER: () _____ CELL () _____

FARM BUREAU MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ AGE: _____
(Must be 18 years old, but no more than 35 years of age as of December 31, 2025)

NUMBER OF CHILDREN: _____ NAME(S) _____

OCCUPATION: _____ EMPLOYER: _____

FARMING
OPERATION: _____

HOBBIES: _____

2025 ACTIVITIES

DID YOU ATTEND:	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>		<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
YF&R Conference at 2024 State Convention	___	___	Young Farmers Conference	___	___
Young Leaders Conference	___	___	Summer District Meeting	___	___
Fall Educational Tour	___	___	Fall District Meeting	___	___
Other	___	___	Winter District Meeting	___	___

_____ County Meetings attended in the 2025? (number)

A. YF&R OFFICES YOU HAVE HELD:

County:

District:

State:

LIST YF&R, FARM BUREAU, FARM BUREAU WOMEN COMMITTEES, PROJECTS, AND ACTIVITIES YOU HAVE HEADED OR HELPED IN:

County:

District:

State:

LIST YF&R, FARM BUREAU, FARM BUREAU WOMEN AND OTHER AWARDS:

B. HOW DO YOU POSITIVELY IMPACT AGRICULTURE?

C. LIST ACTIVITIES OTHER THAN YF&R, FARM BUREAU, OR FARM BUREAU WOMEN:

Community:

Church:

Other:

PLEASE LIST ANYTHING INTERESTING ABOUT YOURSELF THAT COULD BE USED IN YOUR INTRODUCTION:

INITIAL SCORING:

40% A. Farm Bureau/YF&R Activities

20% B. Question: "How do you positively impact agriculture?"

30% C. Other Activities

10% D. Interview