



Missouri Jaycees' Outstanding Young Farmer Nomination Form



PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

The Missouri Jaycees annually select and honor an Outstanding Young Farmer. A Jaycee chapter may submit one or more nominees for OYF honors. In determining the recipients of this recognition, the judges recognize outstanding achievements in agriculture and community involvement, and give particular consideration to each nominee's record of adherence to the principles embodied in The Jaycee Creed. The overall winner will be nominated to represent Missouri in the National Outstanding Young Farmer competition.

NOMINATION RULES:

1. The age limit is 21-40. Applicants are not eligible if becoming 41 prior to January 1, 2017.
2. Applicants must be actual farm operators, deriving a minimum of two-thirds of their income from farming.
3. All chapters who submit a nomination must also submit an open check payable to the MISSOURI JAYCEES, to cover the cost of the nominee(s) lodging and incidentals. The check must accompany this nomination form in order for the nomination to be considered. Chapters entering nominees who are not chosen as an honoree will have their checks voided and returned.
4. All entries (nomination forms and check) must be postmarked no later than August 1, 2016 and mailed to:

MISSOURI JAYCEES * 222 East Dunklin St., Ste. #100 * Jefferson City, MO 65101-3127

PERSONAL INFORMATION (please type):

Nominee's Name: _____ Present Age: _____ Birth date: _____

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

Home Mailing Address: _____ City, State & Zip: _____

Primary Phone: _____ () _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Children (names and ages): _____

Schools Attended (Degrees, Academic Honors, etc.): _____

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Type of farm operation: _____

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

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: _____%

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The following questions shall be answered on up to two separate pages. Indicate by number where each answer begins. Please see the attached Information Sheet and Nomination Form Guidelines for additional instructions on how to complete these questions.

1. How and when did the nominee get started?
2. Why did the nominee enter farming and what were his/her original goals? What are the goals today?
3. Explain the role soil and water conservation practices play in nominee's farming operation.
4. What are the organizations that the nominee is a member of in his/her community?

CROP & LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION HISTORY (Total of operation, partnership included)

ITEM	YEAR STARTED (as a full time operator)			CURRENT YEAR (or last 3-year average)			
	Crops	Acres	Yield/Acre	Total \$ Sales	Acres	Yield/Acre	Total \$ Sales
Livestock (types & breeds)	Number	Production Per Unit	Total \$ Sales	Number	Production Per Unit	Total \$ Sales	

CERTIFICATION BY THE NOMINEE:

For and in consideration of value received, receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, I hereby give the Missouri Jaycees 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, video 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 Missouri Jaycees and their agents 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 Financial Statement, 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 Missouri Jaycees' OYF Awards Congress if chosen as an honoree.

Nominee's Signature: _____ Date: _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE NOMINATOR:

Nominator's Name (print): _____ Signature: _____

Nominator's Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Primary Phone: (____) _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Nominating Chapter: _____ Chapter President's Signature: _____

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INFORMATION SHEET FOR OUTSTANDING YOUNG FARMERS COMPETITION

OVERVIEW:

Nominations for the Outstanding Young Farmers competition can be submitted by Jaycee chapters or individuals that know a deserving young farmer. The nominee must not be age 41 prior to January 1, 2017. The nominee must complete a nomination form due no later than August 1, 2016. If the applicant is selected as one of the honorees, he or she will be invited to attend the Missouri Jaycees' Outstanding Young Farmers Awards Congress in January of 2017. The applicant will be asked to provide high-resolution photos, either on a CD, USB drive or by electronic submission, which will be used in the program book and for a video presentation at the OYM Awards Banquet.

JUDGING CRITERIA:

The Outstanding Young Farmer honorees are determined based on personal contributions in the following categories:

1. Progress in agricultural career (50%)
2. Extent of soil and water conservation practices (25%)
3. Contributions to the well-being of the community, state and nation (25%)

In determining the recipients of this recognition, the judges also give particular consideration to each nominee's record of adherence to the principles embodied in **The Jaycee Creed**:

WE BELIEVE:

*That faith in God gives meaning and purpose to human life;
That the brotherhood of man transcends the sovereignty of nations;
That economic justice can best be won by free men through free enterprise;
That government should be of laws rather than of men;
That earth's great treasure lies in human personality;
And that service to humanity is the best work of life.*

OUTSTANDING YOUNG FARMER NOMINATION FORM GUIDELINES

The follow guidelines and information are provided to help the applicant complete their Outstanding Young Farmer Nomination Form.

1. The application must be in typed format. The rules and instructions contained in this nomination form must be followed completely or the nomination will be automatically rejected.
2. Page 2 contains questions 1 through 4. Complete your answers to the four questions on no more than two 8.5" x 11" white sheets of paper (front side only) in a typed format. The allotted pages must have top, bottom, and side margins of no less than ¾ of an inch. Do not use less than an 11 font. Indicate the nominee's full name centered at the top of each page. Space used may vary for answering each question. Indicate by number where each answer begins. Single-spaced typewritten answers are preferred with a double space between paragraphs.

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3. Respond to each question completely. Avoid using "does not apply" because everything applies. Don't feel that you must use all of the space provided, but make sure you cover all of the key points. Covering 4-6 key items fully is better than trying to cover 10-12 items and not explaining them fully and not doing them justice.
 4. Your completed application is the only information the judges use for ranking. This is not a time to be humble. If possible, have a third-party critique your application before you submit it. You want to be certain that you have included your activities and achievements that exemplify you as one of our state's outstanding young farmers.
 5. Where appropriate, quantify your responses. State facts and numbers wherever possible.

PROGRESS IN AGRICULTURAL CAREER (50% of the judging criteria)

1. How and when did nominee get started?
Were you raised on a farm and want to continue the family tradition and why? Did you work for a farmer at one time and decide this was the career you wanted? Did you have another career and decide to switch to an agriculture career? How old were you when you started farming, and how did this influence your career choice?
2. Why did nominee enter farming and what were his/her goals?
What are they now? Did you just want a job, or did you want a career? What goals did you set when you entered farming? Have you achieved your goals? If not, what steps are you taking to achieve your goals? What are your short or long-term goals?

EXTENT OF SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION PRACTICES (25% of the judging criteria)

3. Explain the role soil and water conservation practices play in nominee's farming operation?
When commenting on the soil and water conservation practice area, be sure to elaborate to the extent possible. You may want to touch base with your local soil conservation district to ascertain what measures you have implemented to preserve or conserve the natural resources.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO COMMUNITY, STATE, AND NATION (25% of the judging criteria)

4. What are the organizations that the nominee is a member of in his/her community?
Summarize those contributions you consider to have been the most important. Elaborate on one or more areas which you feel has impacted your community, state or nation and how they are of significance. This is your opportunity to express your opinions, values, goals, and visions or how your farm/family ties into the "big picture". Include membership and offices held in organizations by the nominee and spouse. Don't include county or state fair placings or things that happened when you were a teenager. You can mention a program such as 4-H or FFA, but what have you done since 4-H and FFA? Being a member of an organization is good, but judges will place more emphasis on offices that have been held such as a chairperson, director, manager, president, secretary, treasurer, coordinator, etc. The organizations do not have to be limited to agricultural organizations. Be sure to include other organizations that you have held positions over the years, e.g. volunteer fire squad, deacon in the church, township planning board, youth advisor, etc. Offices held are important in that they will show leadership roles you have assumed.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION HISTORY:

The judges want to see the progress you have made since you started as a full-time farm operator to the current year.

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