

YOUNG PRODUCER AWARD

The Young Producer Award is given by the County of Grayson in cooperation with the Grayson County Agriculture Advisory Committee.

PLEASE COMPLETE ATTACHED APPLICATION AND SUBMIT TO THE GRAYSON AGRICULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE BY DECEMBER 15TH 2023.

Purpose:

The purpose of the Young Producer Award is to encourage young men and women between the ages of 18 - 40 who are in the beginning or developmental stages of their agricultural careers or endeavors. The goal is to provide recognition to those who are showing signs of growth and knowledge both professionally and personally in the field of agriculture.

Eligibility:

All applicants must be citizens of Grayson County, VA or born in Grayson County. Applicants must be between 18 and 40 years of age. Individuals may be part time or full-time farmers/producers.

Awards:

The winner will be recognized and awarded \$1000.00 and a plaque.

The applicant or the sponsor of the applicant must submit the attached application outlining as completely as possible the work of the candidate and evidence of their effect on the agricultural life of the county. The statement should also cover the biography of the person including:

- Agricultural Activities (successes and accomplishments) (40 points)
- Obstacles overcome..... (15 points)
- Stewardship and Conservation Practices..... (15 points)
- Knowledge of Agriculture and Education..... (15 points)
- Community Leadership..... (10 points)
- Personality (include any additional information on biography) (5 points)

Applications reviewed by the Awards Committee and not awarded this year, may be resubmitted next year by simply updating the original nomination. Additional support material may be submitted.

For questions about the Young Producer entry, please contact: Grayson Agriculture Economic Development Department, Lyndsie Young @ 276-773-2471 ext 146 or 276-768-9706.

All applications must be submitted to the Grayson County Agriculture Advisory Committee by December 15th, 2023.

Applications may be hand delivered, mailed or emailed to:

Grayson Agriculture Economic Development
Attn: Lyndsie Young
P.O. Box 217
Independence, VA 24348
lyoung@graysoncountyva.gov

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OFFICAL ENTRY APPLICATION

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Date: _____ Sponsor (not required): _____

Applicant/Nominee's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Applicant/Nominee's Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone#: _____ Work/Cell #: _____

Email: _____

1. List applicant/nominee's successes and accomplishments in agricultural activities:

2. List any obstacles applicant/nominee has had to overcome:

3. Describe Stewardship activities of applicant/nominee. Include participation in preservation programs and conservation practices implemented by applicant/nominee:

4. Describe applicant/nominee's knowledge of Agriculture. List participation in activities such as agricultural test plots, forestry or conservation plans or state and federal cost share program involvement. Include educational background or any innovative training applicant/nominee may have had:

5. List all Community Leadership activities of applicant/nominee. Include church, local boards and organizations or any other activities that show support for the community.

6. Describe the applicant/nominee's Personality. Include any additional biographical information not listed above:

(Additional pages may be added to complete any questions you do not have room for.)

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