

# BEGINNING PRODUCER AWARD

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**PLEASE COMPLETE ATTACHED APPLICATION AND SUBMIT TO THE GRAYSON AGRICULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE BY DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> 2023.**

## **Purpose:**

The purpose of the Beginning Producer Award is to encourage anyone who is in the beginning or developmental stages of their agricultural careers or endeavors. The goal is to provide recognition to those who are just getting into the field of agriculture and are looking to grow their knowledge both professionally and personally.

## **Eligibility:**

All applicants must be citizens of Grayson County, VA or born in Grayson County. Individuals may be part time or full-time farmers/producers. Applicants must have 10 years or less of experience in the field of agriculture. Including, but not limited to, those who consider themselves “next generation” on a family farm, who have 10 years or less experience in a managerial role.

## **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 Beginning 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**

Nominations 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](mailto:lyoung@graysoncountyva.gov)

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## OFFICIAL ENTRY APPLICATION

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor (not required): \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant/Nominee's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant/Nominee's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_ Work/Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Years in agriculture or managerial role: \_\_\_\_\_

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

2. List any obstacles applicant/nominee has had to overcome or is currently working 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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**\*\*Please note, award winners will be asked to submit photos in order to create a power point slide presentation acknowledging their work\*\***