

Maryland Farm Bureau

AMBASSADOR PROGRAM



2022-2023 Rules & Application

What is the Ambassador Program?

The Maryland Farm Bureau (MDFB) Ambassador Program provides an opportunity for young leaders to represent agriculture and Farm Bureau for one year (December 2022 – December 2023). **One male and one female** applicant will be selected as Maryland Farm Bureau Ambassadors at the 2022 Annual Meeting of the Maryland Farm Bureau.

Each Ambassador is eligible to receive a \$1,500 educational scholarship provided by the Maryland Farm Bureau. The Ambassadors will make selected appearances throughout 2023 on behalf of agriculture and Farm Bureau, coordinated by the Director of Organization. Approved event registrations, travel, meals, etc. will be reimbursed by the Maryland Farm Bureau.

Appearances may include but are not limited to:

- Day-In-Annapolis – Mid February 2023
- AFBF FUSION Conference – Beginning of March 2023
- Leadership Development Event – May/June 2023
- Maryland State Fair – End of August / Beginning of September 2023
- MDFB Annual Convention – December 2023

Who is eligible?

Female and male contestants must be selected by their County Farm Bureau to participate in this program. Contestants must be between the ages of 17 to 21, on or before September 16th, 2022. The participant or their parent(s) or guardian(s) must hold an active membership prior to September 16th and that membership must be maintained throughout their year of service. This does include a student membership. Previous finalists are not eligible to compete again, however anyone who was not a finalist is encouraged to reapply.

Selection

Judging panels will evaluate each contestant based on their application and an interview to be conducted virtually or in-person prior to October 31, 2022. After interviews have been conducted, a number of finalists will be invited to compete in-person at the Annual Meeting of the Maryland Farm Bureau in Cambridge, MD on December 3rd & 4th. Winners will be announced during the Annual Meeting.

Judging panels will evaluate each finalist on a 5-minute speech based on a pre-determined agricultural related topic and their performance in a Round of Discussion Meet with the other Ambassador finalists. The potential Discussion Meet questions can be found on the [MDFB website](#). The topic of the speech will be assigned following the selection of finalists. The scores from the speech and Discussion Meet will be used to determine one female and one male winner.

Scholarship and Awards

The two Ambassadors will each receive a \$1,500* scholarship. In addition, each Ambassador will receive an expenses-paid trip to the AFBF FUSION Conference in Jacksonville, FL held March 3rd - 6th. They will also receive MDFB logoed apparel to wear to events while representing Farm Bureau.

**Half available upon selection and the remainder available on completion of duties.*

To Apply

Contestants must be selected by their county Farm Bureau. Each county Farm Bureau may select one male and/or one female Ambassador contestant. All applications must be certified by the county and contestants must be attending or planning to attend a 2-year or 4-year degree program.

Applications, which include your resume, are encouraged to be submitted electronically and **must be received by 5:00 PM on Friday, September 16th**. Applications can be sent to Parker Welch, Director of Organization, at pwelch@marylandfb.org. **Mailed applications must be received by Friday, September 16th** COB to the Maryland Farm Bureau office, 3358 Davidsonville Road, Davidsonville, MD 21035. If any other questions, you can contact Parker at 443-480-4059.

2022-2023 Maryland Farm Bureau Ambassador Application

Name:

Home address:

City: State: Zip code:

Phone: Cell phone: E-mail:

Male: Female: Pronouns: Age: Birthdate:

School address (High School or College)

City: State: Zip code:

Parent/Individuals Farm Bureau Membership number:

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS PLEASE COMPLETE

I am currently a high school: Junior: Senior: E Name of High School:

Educational Intent:

School Activities:

Community/Organizational Activities:

Future Plans:

COLLEGE STUDENTS PLEASE COMPLETE

I am currently a college: Freshman: Sophomore: Junior: Senior:

Name of College: Major:

High School attended: City: State:

School activities:

Community/Organizational activities:

Future Plans:

ALL APPLICANTS MUST COMPLETE

Briefly describe you and/or your family's involvement in Farm Bureau and agriculture (1250 characters or less):

Write a short paragraph telling why you think you would make a good Farm Bureau Ambassador for agriculture (2500 characters or less):

PLEASE REMEMBER TO ATTACH YOUR RESUME.

CANDIDATE CONSENT

I have reviewed the guidelines for the Maryland Farm Bureau Ambassador Program. If I am selected, I will make predetermined appearances on behalf of Maryland Farm Bureau and agriculture. These may include but is not limited to special agriculture promotions deemed appropriate. I will also assist with the contest in December 2023.

Candidate signature:

Date:

PARENTAL CONSENT (if participant is under the age of 18)

Name of parents or guardian:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip code:

Phone:

Email:

I approve my child participating in the Maryland Farm Bureau Ambassador competition. I understand that they will be expected to participate in promotions and events as the 2023 Ambassador for Maryland Farm Bureau and Agriculture.

Parent or guardian signature:

Date:

COUNTY FARM BUREAU CERTIFICATION

County Farm Bureau:

Membership Information

Membership Number:

Expiration of Membership:

Signed:

(County Farm Bureau Officer or Secretary)

PLEASE REMEMBER TO ATTACH YOUR RESUME.

By submitting this entry form, I waive any right to notice, inspection, or approval of any uses of the photographs which the MDFB may make or authorize, and I release the MDFB, and its licensees and assigns, from any claim or liability arising from or in connection with MDFB's use of the photographs or any alteration, processing, or use thereof in composite form, whether intentional or otherwise.