

**Maryland Farm Bureau**

# **AMBASSADOR PROGRAM**



**2023-2024 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 2023 – December 2024). **One male and one female** applicant will be selected as Maryland Farm Bureau Ambassadors at the 2023 Annual Meeting of the Maryland Farm Bureau.

Each Ambassador is eligible to receive a \$1,500 scholarship for continuing education (2 or 4-year college, trade school, CDL school, certification, agriculture endeavor, etc.) provided by the Maryland Farm Bureau. The Ambassadors will make selected appearances throughout 2024 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 | Annapolis, MD – Mid February 2024
- AFBF YF&R Conference | Omaha, NE – March 8-11, 2024
- Leadership Development Event | Washington DC – May/June 2024
- Maryland State Fair | Timonium, MD – End of August / Beginning of September 2024
- MDFB Annual Convention | Cambridge, MD – December 2024

## 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The participant or their parent(s) or guardian(s) must hold an active membership prior to September 15<sup>th</sup> and that membership must be maintained throughout their year of service. This does include student memberships.

## Selection

Judging panels will evaluate each contestant based on their application, resume, an interview prior to or at MDFB Convention, and a Discussion Meet contest. Depending on the number of applications, some portions of the contest may be held virtually to select a number of finalists to compete in-person at the Annual Meeting of the Maryland Farm Bureau in Cambridge, MD in December. Winners will be announced during the Annual Meeting.

The potential Discussion Meet questions can be found on the [MDFB website](#). The topic of the Discussion Meet will be assigned following the selection of finalists. The scores from the interview 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 Young Farmers & Ranchers Leadership

Conference in Omaha, NE on March 8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>. They will also receive MDFB logoed apparel to wear to events while representing Farm Bureau.

*\*Available upon selection or other time during the year most convenient to the winner.*

### 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.

Applications, which include your resume, are encouraged to be submitted electronically and **must be received by 4:00 PM on Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**Access the online form at <https://bit.ly/3mMOnB4>.**

If you have any other questions, you can contact Parker at 443-480-4059.

**2023-2024 Maryland Farm Bureau Ambassador Application**

<https://bit.ly/3mMOnB4>

**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: Name of High School:**

**Educational Intent:**

**School Activities:**

**Community/Organizational Activities:**

**Future Plans:**

**TRADE AND COLLEGE STUDENTS PLEASE COMPLETE**

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

**Name of College:**

**Major:**

**School activities:**

**Community/Organizational activities:**

**Future Plans:**

**WORKFORCE STUDENTS PLEASE COMPLETE**

**Work activities:**

**Community/Organizational activities:**

**Future Plans:**

**ALL APPLICANTS MUST COMPLETE**

**Briefly describe you and/or your family's involvement in Farm Bureau and agriculture (300 characters or less):**

**Write a short paragraph telling why you think you would make a good Farm Bureau Ambassador for agriculture (600 characters or less):**

**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 2024.

**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 2024 Ambassador for Maryland Farm Bureau and Agriculture.

**Parent or guardian signature:**

**Date:**

**COUNTY FARM BUREAU CERTIFICATION**

*Upon submitting this entry form, the county Farm Bureau associated with your or your parents' membership will be notified to verify your participation in the contest.*

**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.*