



Montgomery County Farm Bureau Agriculture Ambassador Application 2024

The purpose of this program is to provide young adults with advocacy tools to serve as agricultural ambassadors promoting agriculture and Farm Bureau throughout Montgomery County and Maryland.

What is the Ambassador Program?

The Montgomery County Farm Bureau Ambassador Program provides an opportunity for young leaders to represent agriculture and Farm Bureau for one year (June 2024 – June 2025). One male and/or one female applicant will be selected as Montgomery County Farm Bureau Ambassadors at the 2024 Montgomery County Annual Picnic. The 2024 June picnic is scheduled for **Sunday, June 9th at 4 PM** at Laytonsville Turf Farm. Laytonsville Turf Farm is located at 5225 Damascus Road, Laytonsville, Maryland 20882.

Who is eligible?

Female and male contestants must be between the ages of 17 to 21, on or before September 15th, 2024. The participant or their parent(s) or guardian(s) must hold an active membership prior to September 15th and that membership must be maintained throughout their year of service. This does include student memberships.

Duties and Activities

The Montgomery County Farm Bureau Ambassador(s) will represent MCFB. Please review and fully understand expectations prior to submitting the application. Please read the state application as well, <https://mdfarmbureau.com/ambassador/>, as you will be expected to compete at the state level in December at the Maryland Farm Bureau Convention. Ambassadors will be asked to attend various agricultural activities throughout the year which include, but are not limited to, the activities listed below. It is understood that participation in activities during school hours are as school schedule permits. Individuals are responsible for notifying the Ag Ambassador Coordinator when an activity cannot be attended. Attire for activities will be communicated in advance of the activity. Name tags are to be worn during all activities. The MCFB Ag Ambassadors and must be accompanied by an adult over 21 at all times when participating in any activity. Parent/guardian assistance requested.

Montgomery County Farm and Harvest Tours *July 20th-21st*

Montgomery County Agricultural Fair *August 10th-18th*

Damascus Fair *September 6th-8th*

Montgomery County Farm Bureau Annual meeting *November 2024*

Taste of Maryland Agriculture dinner *February 2025*

Montgomery County Farm Bureau Annual Picnic *June 2025*

Various School Visits throughout the Year (working with Promotion and Education Committee)

Mandatory Orientation October 12th, 2024 at the Maryland Farm Bureau Office Headquarters

Mandatory MD Farm Bureau Convention and Contest December 2024

Selection

A judging panel will evaluate applicants based on their resume, application, and an interview.

This interview will be held the week prior to the Young Farmer Picnic, on a mutually agreed upon date. One male and/or one female applicant will be selected as Montgomery County Farm Bureau Ambassadors at the 2024 Montgomery County Annual Picnic. Be familiar with the state application process, again, as you will be expected to compete at the state level.

Scholarships and Awards

Both the male and female Agriculture Ambassadors will receive a scholarship of \$1,000. This scholarship will be awarded following completion of your term as Ambassador. Winners will also receive an all expenses paid trip to the Maryland Farm Bureau Convention, young farmer conference in *December 2024*.

To Apply

Applicants, and or their parent(s), must be a member of the County Farm Bureau. Applications are due on **May 28th, 2024**. Applications should be submitted to the Agriculture Ambassador chair, Olivia Scuderi, at olivia.scuderi20@gmail.com. If selected, your application will be sent to the state level for competition as well. Montgomery County Agriculture Ambassador Committee consists of Catherine Savage and Olivia Scuderi.

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:

Shirt Size:

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:

Part I - Resume

Your resume is a written compilation of your education, work experience, credentials and agricultural accomplishments. References are not requested. Please use the Times New Roman font, no smaller than 12pt. and do not exceed 2 pages in length.

Part 2-Questions

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):

Statement of Accuracy

I hereby affirm that all of the above information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote the program. I hereby understand that if chosen as an ambassador, I must be available to receive the position in person at our June Montgomery County Farm Bureau picnic or at a monthly Montgomery County Farm Bureau Board of Directors meeting.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____