



OUTSTANDING YOUNG FARMER

Nomination Form

The Virginia Jaycees annually select The Outstanding Young Virginians and honor them at an awards program. The awards ceremony dramatizes a winner’s career in narrative form and provides a stage for the honoree to challenge and inspire Virginia’s young people.

Since 1954, the Virginia Jaycees have honored an **Outstanding Young Farmer**. This program recognizes young farmers for achievements in agri-business as well as contributions made through the involvement in community, agriculture and other organizations. The purpose of the award is to foster better urban-rural relations by contact between Jaycees and farmers to create a greater public interest in, and understanding of today’s farmer and their contribution to society.

Following are rules governing nominations:

1. Age limit, 18-40. Not eligible if nominee becomes 41 before November 1, 2016.
2. A nominee must be a legal resident of Virginia, or must have applied for legal residency by **January 1 of this year**.
3. Nominee must sign nomination form personally. His/her signature will attest to all facts contained on the form, giving permission for publication of facts indicating willingness (barring extreme circumstances) to attend the OYV Awards Ceremony, if he/she is the chosen winner.
4. If additional pages are attached to this form, please ensure the package is stapled and all pages clearly identify the name of the nominee.
5. A high-resolution digital photo or 5” x 7” black & white head and shoulder photo of the nominee must accompany the nomination forms, either in hard copy or electronic. Photograph will not be returned.
6. Nomination forms can be e-mailed to oyv@vajaycee.org or mailed to:

**OUTSTANDING YOUNG VIRGINIANS
VIRGINIA JAYCEES
PO Box 41657
Arlington, VA 22204**

Questions can be directed to Kristin Miller at the above email address or by phone, 540-580-2481.

7. All entries must be postmarked by **September 18, 2016**.
8. Presentation of the Outstanding Young Farmer Award will be held at the Virginia Jaycee Fall meeting, Saturday evening, November 19, 2016, in Richmond, Virginia.

Nominee’s full name:					
Birth date:		Current citizenship		Place of birth:	
Home address:					
City		State:		ZIP:	
Home phone		Mobile phone:		E-mail address:	
Type of farm operation:					
Marital Status:		Significant Other’s name:			

Children (Name, age):

Schools attended (degrees, academic honors, etc.):

Civic, fraternal, religious organizations and affiliations (e.g., American Red Cross, Director, 1996):

Published work:

No. of years as a farm operator:		% of total income earned from farming:			
No. of days spent in "off-farm" employment:		What is the "off-farm" employment?			
Is Nominee a Sole Proprietor, Partner, Salaried Manager, or Other Position?					
If other than Sole Proprietor, what % of policy and management decisions does nominee make?					
Total acres operated:		Tillable acres:		Grazing or non-tillable:	
Acres owned individually:		Owned in partnership:		% owned in partnership:	
Acres rented individually:		Rented in partnership:		% rented in partnership:	

How and when did nominee get started in farming?

Why did the nominee enter farming, and what were his/her goals? What are they now?

Explain the role soil and water conservation practices play in the nominee's farming operation:

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION HISTORY (total of operation, partnership included)

ITEM	YEAR STARTED <i>(as a full time operator)</i>			CURRENT YEAR <i>(or last three-year average)</i>		
	Acres	Yield/Acre	Total \$ Sales	Acres	Yield/Acre	Total \$ Sales
Crops						
Livestock <i>(types and breeds)</i>	Number	Production per Unit	Total \$ Sales	Number	Production per Unit	Total \$ Sales
Total Crops and Livestock						

Nominator's Name:			
Address:			
City/State/Zip:			
Business Phone:		Home Phone:	
Occupation, Organization or Jaycee Chapter:			
Signature: <i>(If submitted by e-mail, type nominator's full name here.)</i>			

FOR NOMINEE: I attest to all facts on this form and give permission for the facts to be used for publication. With agreement to accept an OYV Award, I understand that barring extreme circumstances, the nominee is required to be present at the OYV Ceremony. The fact that an individual has been selected must remain confidential prior to the formal announcement by The Virginia Jaycees.

I have read and understand the preceding information. I attest to all facts contained on this form and give permission for the facts to be used for publication.

Signature of Nominee: _____ **Date:** _____

(If submitted by e-mail, type nominee's full name here.)