



2019 Discussion Meet Qualifications

- Contestant must be between the ages of 18 and 35 as of January 31, 2020.
- Contestant may only compete in **ONE** KFBF & AFBF YF&R competition per year.
- Contestant must be a Farm Bureau member who is classified as a **regular member** by their County Farm Bureau.
- Any contestant who has received a fee or honorarium for public speaking is ineligible to compete in the Discussion Meet.
- Past and present AFBF YF&R committee members are ineligible. Current Kentucky Farm Bureau State Young Farmer Advisory Committee members are also ineligible.
- Previous state Discussion Meet winners are not eligible.
- County, State and American Farm Bureau employees are ineligible.
- Entry Deadline: **Friday, June 14, 2019**

2019 Discussion Meet Prizes

First Place

- UTV from Southern Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company & Jacobi Sales
- An all-expense paid trip to the American Farm Bureau Annual Meeting in Austin, Texas from Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation

Second Place

- \$1,000 cash from Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation

Third & Fourth Place

- \$200 cash from Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation

Semifinalists (Top 8 Contestants)

- \$50 cash from Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation

****Prizes Subject to Change****

APPLICATION SUBMISSION INFORMATION

1. You may mail the application to:

Jackson Tolle, Director
Young Farmer Program
Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation
9201 Bunsen Parkway
Louisville, KY 40220

2. Completed applications may also be emailed to jackson.tolle@kyfb.com

*An electronic version of the attached application is available online at kyfb.com/yf



Discussion Meet Questions 2019

1. How can Farm Bureau build upon collaborative relationships such as Farm Town Strong to combat nationwide crises such as opioid dependence/addiction and mental health issues?
2. Products like cell-based food products have demonstrated the food system is rapidly changing. How can future food technologies and related products be beneficially integrated into modern agricultural production without hampering the success of traditional products and the farmers and ranchers who grow them?
3. The customer is always right. How do farmers and ranchers think and respond, through the lens of consumer priorities and marketing trends, to build common values and confidence in modern production methods to build consumer acceptance?
4. With abundant productivity, farmers are in need of new markets, including outside traditional food and feed channels. How do we develop, invest and commercialize to innovate new uses of agricultural products and by-products to benefit all of agriculture?
5. The 21st-century agricultural economy is threatened by labor shortages. Without a clear solution for accessing foreign guest workers as a component of immigration reform coming from Congress, what are some creative and legal ways for agriculture to address the labor needs of a modern production system?

These questions will be used for the preliminary Discussion Meet rounds held during the Young Farmer Summer Outing and final round at the KFB State Annual Meeting.



DISCUSSION MEET CONTEST
2019 ENTRY FORM

_____ County Farm Bureau will have a Discussion Meet contestant participating in the state discussion meet contest during the Young Farmer Summer Outing in Somerset, Kentucky on Friday, July 26, 2019.

We understand that this application must be received by **11:59 p.m. Friday, June 14, 2019** to be eligible. The contestant's information appears below.

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Birth Date _____ Age _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

Farm Bureau Membership # _____

Farm Bureau Membership in the name of _____

Date _____ Signed _____
Contestant

Date _____ Signed _____
County President

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