

NOYF

National Outstanding Young Farmers

The Nation's Longest Running Farmer Recognition Program

Seeks Nominations of Young Ag Leaders committed to

• **Stewardship** • **Innovative Agriculture** • **Community Involvement**

Purpose of the NOYF Awards Program: to bring about a greater interest in the farmer to foster better urban-rural relations through the understanding of the farmers' endeavors, to develop a further appreciation for their contributions and achievements, and to inform the agribusiness community of the growing urban awareness of farmers' importance and impact on America's economy.

Nomination Criteria:

- All nominees must be submitted on the official NOYF form found on the OFA website.
- Nominees must be between the ages of 21 and 40, not becoming 41 prior to January 1 before the National OYF Awards Congress.
- Nominees must be actual farm operators, deriving a minimum of two-thirds of their income from farming.

Judging Criteria: Four national winners are determined based on the following categories:

- Progress in agricultural career (50%)
- Extent of soil and water conservation practices (25%)
- Contributions to the well-being of the community, state, and nation (25%)

Awards: Top ten finalist couples receive:

- All expense paid trip to the NOYF Congress
- An NOYF plaque, OFA pin
- A gift from John Deere

Four national winners receive:

- National Winner's plaque
- Cash award from John Deere
- All expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., during National Ag Week the following year

For more information or for nomination forms, visit the OFA website at www.outstandingfarmers.com.

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