

Indiana Young Farmers' Association

Official Application for Star Improvement Project

DESCRIPTION

To recognize IYFA members who have successfully planned and executed a project in or around the home or farm. This project could include improvement of home or farmstead or stewardship of our natural resources including land, air, water, and energy.

RULES OF THE AWARD

1. The Indiana Star Improvement Project Award will be presented annually during the state convention of the Indiana Young Farmers' Association. Candidates may apply for only one of the following award applications in the same year: Star Leadership, Star Placement in Agriculture, Star Operation in Agriculture, or Star Improvement Project. Candidates must be present at the convention to receive the award.
2. All applicants must have paid state dues by December 1, had one year membership immediately preceding nomination for this award, and must be an active member during the year in which the application is made. There will be a points reduction assessed if this criteria is not met.
3. Notification will be made with a chapter official to verify qualifications of the applicant.
4. The judging committee will be selected by the Executive Director of the Indiana Young Farmers' Association. The judges will select a winner and runner-up from eligible applicants.
5. No applicant may receive the first place state award in this activity more than once every two years.
6. This application is limited to the previous three years of Young Farmer membership.
7. This application should be emailed to indianayoungfarmers@gmail.com or mailed to: Indiana Young Farmers' Association, P.O. Box 136, Brownstown, IN 47220 by or postmarked by December 1.

Scoring Area	Maximum Points
1. Project Summary	80
a. Project Description	
b. Features and Benefits	
c. Equipment and Labor	
d. Future of the Project	
2. Photos with Captions	<u>20</u>
Total	100

Please include the following information with your application:

1. Projects Summary Slides
 - a. Project Description: *Sharing the Story*
 - i. Describe the needs/wants for the area you have worked on.
 - ii. Share previous and current state.
 - b. Features and benefits
 - i. Describe why this project needed to be done.
 - ii. Describe the features and/or benefits of this project.
 - c. Equipment and Labor
 - i. Describe the equipment utilized during the project.
 - ii. Share timeline of project including the number of hours/days on the project, etc.
 - iii. List resources utilized in the project including people, equipment, materials, etc.
 - d. Future of the Project
 - i. If there are additional phases to the project, please describe:
 1. Short term goals
 2. Long term goals
 - ii. If the project is completed, how is the project area being utilized? If it is not completed, how will it be utilized once completed?
 - iii. Highlight your favorite part of the project.
2. Photos and captions
 - a. Include at least 8 photos
 - b. Include two sentence captions with each photo.