



2017 Farming Heritage Award

Sponsored by the State Fair of West Virginia and the West Virginia Farm Bureau

The State Fair and the Farm Bureau value all agriculture families who have played a role in our state's food production and helped to make our rural economy thrive.

THE AWARD

The Farming Heritage Award will be presented to a family that has strived to maintain its rural lifestyle by contributing to the community, acting as role models, dedicating time to efficient agricultural production, and maintaining the upkeep of their farm.

ENTRY GUIDELINES

1. Board members, employees, management, and immediate families of the State Fair of West Virginia and the West Virginia Farm Bureau are not eligible.
2. Applicants must be a resident of the state of West Virginia.
3. Applicants are not required to be members of the West Virginia Farm Bureau.
4. Winners of previous Heritage Awards, presented from 2000-2016, are not eligible.
5. Winners will be notified in late June. Award ceremonies will be "Governor's Day" at the 2017 State Fair. Winners will be honored at a special luncheon reception where they will receive their "West Virginia Farming Heritage Award," treated to a day at the Fair including overnight accommodations, free admission, preferred parking, and a Natural Stone award for indoor or outdoor display (**winner is responsible for transport of award**).
6. All winners will be asked to submit an 8" x 10" photograph for display at the State Fair of West Virginia. The photo will need to be sent to the fairgrounds by June 30, 2017.
7. If additional space is needed, please attach an 8 1/2" x 11" typewritten or legibly written page.
8. **ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY FRIDAY, May 26, 2017.**

If you have any questions, please contact Kimberly Dillon at 304/645-1090 or email kimd@statefairfwv.com or Joan Harman @ 800-398-4630 x. 306 or email joanh@wvfarm.org.

ENTRY INFORMATION

This application may be completed by: 1) the applicant or 2) someone nominating a deserving family.

Name of Family applying/nominated _____

Address/City _____, **WV** Zip _____

County _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Please list the names and ages of each member of the applicant farming family: _____

How many generations of this family have been involved with farming? _____

Who is the patriarch/matriarch of the family? _____

How many acres are farmed? _____ What is the primary operation/product? _____

1. List community/civic activities in which family members are involved and leadership positions held:

2. List memberships held by family members with agriculture related associations:

3. List farming-related occupations of family members: _____

4. Explain efforts toward efficient agricultural production: _____

5. Describe up-grades to farm within the last five years: _____

6. Attach a brief description of what a farming lifestyle means to this family.

7. Include two letters of reference and additional information that you believe is important to this entry.

ENTRY VERIFICATION

Please verify by your signature that all of the information included in this entry, to the best of your knowledge, is true and applies to the applicant's farming involvement.

Signature _____ Date _____

IF SELECTED...

Who should be contacted about the award results? applicant or person who nominated by (indicate below)

Phone # _____ or fax # _____ or email _____

Name of local/regional newspaper to be contacted with information concerning the award winner? _____



This application must be postmarked by Friday, May 26, 2017.
Mail to: SFWV, Farming Heritage Award, PO Drawer 986, Lewisburg, WV 24901.

