

Talbot County Farm Bureau

JUNIOR & COUNTY AG

AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

2023-2024 Rules & Application

What is the Ag Ambassador Program?

The Talbot County Farm Bureau (TCFB) Ambassador Program provides an opportunity for young leaders to represent agriculture and Farm Bureau for one year (July 2023 – June 2024). One male and one female applicant will be selected as the Talbot County Farm Bureau Junior and County Ag Ambassadors at the 2023 Talbot County Fair. Each Ag Ambassador is eligible to receive a \$500 educational scholarship provided by the Talbot County Farm Bureau. The Junior and County Ag Ambassadors will make selected appearances throughout their term on behalf of agriculture and Farm Bureau

Appearances may include but are not limited to:

- Talbot County Farm Bureau Membership Banquet (March 2023)
- Talbot County Fair (July 13-15, 2023)
- Talbot County Farm Bureau Legislative Tour (2023)
- Talbot County Farm Bureau Picnic (August 6, 2023)
- Talbot County Fall Fair (October 16, 2023)

Ambassadors will also be asked to participate in Social media promotion of Talbot County Agriculture, promote Agriculture Education & Advocacy at county, regional and state events as available.

Who is eligible?

This contest is open for Junior Ambassador (Ages 13-16) and County Ambassador (Ages 17-21) Female and male contestants, on or before July 1, 2023. The participant or their parent(s) or guardian(s) must hold an active Talbot County Farm Bureau membership prior to July 15th and that membership must be maintained throughout their year of service.

Scholarship and Awards

The two Junior Ag Ambassadors and two County Ambassadors will each receive a \$500 scholarship, in addition to other prizes. Prize money is available for all contestants.

About the Competition

Judging Criteria:

- 1) Application- 40 points (Due July 10, 2023)
 - a) The application will be scored for completeness, depth of experiences, and participation in agriculture related activities
- 2) Interview- 40 points (Held on July 15, time TBD)
 - a) Applicants will complete a 10 minute interview. The purpose of the interview is to give applicants a professional learning experience and for the judges to learn more about the applicant and their interest and ideas in serving as an AG Ambassador.
- 3) On-Stage Introduction -10 points (Held on July 15 at 5pm, Collier Pavillion)
 - a) The contest will conclude with applicants introducing themselves with a 60-90 second introduction of themselves and why they want to be a Talbot County Ag Ambassador
- 4) On-Stage Question- 10 points (Held on July 15 at 5pm, Collier Pavillion)
 - a) Applicants will each be asked a question based on their resume. This is to practice public speaking and conversation skills.

Applicants earning the most points will win the contest. There will be four winners: Junior Ambassador (Male) Junior Ambassador (Female) County Ambassador (Male) County Ambassador (Female)

To Apply

Contestants must complete the form on the Talbot County Farm Bureau Website by July 10, 2023. If any other questions, you may contact Amanda, 410-310-7966, abclougherty@gmail.com.

2023-2024 Talbot County Farm Bureau Ag Ambassador Application

Name: _____

Home address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Gender: Male Female Age: _____ Birthdate: _____

Parent/Individual Farm Bureau Membership Number: _____

I am applying for ___ Junior Ambassador (13-16) ___ County Ambassador (17-21)

School: _____

Year in School: _____ (ex. freshman, sophomore, etc.)

School Activities:

Community/Organizational Activities:

4-H and/or FFA Activities:

Briefly describe you and/or your family's involvement in Farm Bureau and agriculture:

Write a short paragraph telling why you think you would make a good Farm Bureau Junior Ag Ambassador:

CANDIDATE CONSENT

I have reviewed the guidelines for the Talbot County Farm Bureau Junior Ag Ambassador Program. If I am selected, I will make predetermined appearances on behalf of the Talbot County Farm Bureau and agriculture. These may include but is not limited to special agriculture promotions deemed appropriate.

Candidate signature: _____ Date: _____

PARENTAL CONSENT

Name of parents or guardian: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

If my child is age eligible, I approve my child participating in the Maryland Farm Bureau Ambassador competition. I understand that they will be expected to participate in promotions and events as the 2023-24 Ambassador for Maryland Farm Bureau and Agriculture.

Parent or Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

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