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Ag Involvement, Impact on Ag and Issues Facing Ag

Agricultural Involvement

Question 2AB - Evaluate the competitor(s) involvement and contributions to the ag industry.
Award up to 60 points: **Exceeds expectations** - Agricultural involvement is impactful, meaningful and is clearly stated and described. Contributions and involvement are done with the highest level of excellence and set the applicant apart from others. The involvement is an important part of their lives. They make it a priority and show care and/or passion for it. *Award between 38-60 points* **Meets expectations** - Agricultural involvement is stated and described. Contributions are adequately completed. Description is relevant and shows some meaningful involvement. *Award between 16-37 points* **Needs improvement** - Agricultural involvement is minimal and lacks relevant contributions to the ag industry. Description is lacking or applicant does not fully answer the question. *Award between 0-15 points*
Notes: Total points /60

Impact on Agriculture

Question 3 - Evaluate the competitor(s) overall impact on the agriculture industry.
Award up to 60 points: **Exceeds expectations** - Applicant clearly describes a strong desire and effort to make a positive impact on the agricultural industry using specific examples. Applicant shows significant effort and impact is evident. *Award between 38-60 points* **Meets expectations** - Applicant describes efforts to make a positive impact on the agricultural industry. Applicant offers examples. *Award between 16-37 points* **Needs improvement** - Applicant lists efforts but does not show much, or any impact or impact is insignificant. Applicant does not offer clear examples or offers irrelevant examples or applicant does not answer the question. *Award between 0-15 points*
Notes: Total points /60

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Issues Facing Agriculture

Question 4AB - Evaluate the competitor(s) knowledge of ag issues and ideas for responding to them.
Award up to 60 points: **Exceeds expectations** - Applicant clearly listed three important issues that are relevant and important. The applicant shows a deep understanding of the issues. The applicant clearly explained well-thought-out ideas that show how they are working to resolve these issues or offered thoughtful action items that can be put into place to respond to them. *Award between 38-60 points* **Meets expectations** - Applicant listed three important issues. Applicant explained how they are working to resolve them or offered action items that can be put into place to respond to them. Ideas could be more detailed or relevant. *Award between 16-37 points* **Needs improvement** - Applicant listed less than three issues or listed three questionable issues that could be deemed as "not important" to most people. Applicant does not show a good understanding of the issues. Applicant has some ideas to help respond to them, but they are not well thought out and/or the applicant has personally done little to nothing to address the problem. *Award between 0-15 points*
Notes: Total points /60

Total for Ag Involvement, Impact on Ag and Issues Facing Ag points =_____ Out of 180

<u>Goals</u>

Question 5 - Evaluate goals, the impact of those goals on agriculture and steps that have been taken to reach the goals.
Award up to 40 points: **Exceeds expectations** – Applicant's goals are thoughtful, significant and of a high quality. Goals are clearly stated, and well thought out. Goals are realistic, relevant and offer a positive impact to agriculture or the ag industry. Applicant has taken active and significant steps towards reaching many of the goals. *Award between 26-40 points* **Meets expectations –** Applicant's goals are average in quality and quantity. Goals are relevant and realistic and could offer some positive impact to the industry. Applicant has completed some steps towards reaching a few goals. *Award between 11-25 points* **Needs improvement** - Applicant lists a few goals that are of a lower quality and have little value to bettering the agriculture industry. Goals are unrealistic, irrelevant or not specific. Applicant has taken very few or no steps towards reaching reach the goals. *Award between 0-10 points*
Notes:

Total Goal points = _____ Out of 40

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Leadership Experience

*Experience should be from the time the applicant(s) was/were 18 to current.

Question 6A - List Farm Bureau leadership roles, involvement opportunities, recognitions and/or awards received by the applicant(s), indicating service on committees, boards or as officers.
Award up to 90 points: **Exceeds expectations** - A significant amount of quality and impactful experiences, including diverse experiences that involve serving in leadership positions and not simply being a member. Several recognitions/awards are listed and are relevant and significant in nature. Experiences include local, state, national and possibly international. *Award between 57-90 points* **Meets expectations** - A moderate amount of experience with a mix of experiences that include both being a member as well as serving in leadership roles. Some recognitions/awards are listed and are somewhat relevant in nature. Experiences include local, state and possibly national. *Award between 23-56 points* **Needs improvement** - Little to no experience. Many experiences listed are being a member with little to no experiences serving in a leadership role. Little to no recognitions/awards are listed and are not significant in nature. Experiences mostly are local and state. *Award between 0-22 points*
Notes: Total points /90

Question 6B - List other agricultural leadership roles, involvement opportunities, recognitions and/or awards received by the applicant(s), indicating service on committees, boards or as officers. (i.e. Farm Credit, Soil Conservation, Farm Service Agency, farm cooperatives, 4-H, etc.).
Award up to 50 points: **Exceeds expectations** - A significant amount of quality and impactful experiences across multiple organizations, including diverse experiences that involve serving in leadership positions and not simply being a member. Several recognitions/awards are listed and are relevant and significant in nature. Experiences include local, state, national and possibly international. *Award between 32-50 points* **Meets expectations** - A moderate amount of experience across several organizations, with a mix of experiences that include both being a member as well as serving in leadership roles across several organizations. Some recognitions/awards are listed and are somewhat relevant in nature. Experiences include local, state and possibly national. *Award between 13-31 points* **Needs improvement** - Little to no experience and/or experience(s) are limited to a few organizations. Many experiences listed are being a member with little to no experiences serving in a leadership role. Little to no recognitions/awards are listed and are not significant in nature. Experiences mostly are local and state. *Award between 0-12 points*
Notes: Total points: /50

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Question 6C - List other <u>community and non-agricultural</u> leadership roles, involvement opportunities, recognitions and/or awards received by the applicant(s), indicating service on committees, boards or as officers (i.e. civic/service clubs, church, school, volunteer leadership, etc.).
Award up to 30 points: **Exceeds expectations** - A significant amount of quality and impactful experiences across multiple organizations, including experiences that involve serving in leadership positions and not simply being a member. Several recognitions/awards are listed and are relevant and significant in nature. Experiences include local, state, national and possibly international. *Award between 20-30 points* **Meets expectations** - A moderate amount of experience across several organizations with a mix of experiences that include both being a member as well as serving in leadership roles across several organizations. Some recognitions/awards are listed and are somewhat relevant in nature. Experiences include local, state and possibly national. *Award between 8-19 points* **Needs improvement** - Little to no experience and/or experience(s) are limited to a few organizations. Many experiences listed are being a member with little to no experiences serving in a leadership role. Little to no recognitions/awards are listed and are not significant in nature. Experiences mostly are local and state. *Award between 0-7 points*
Notes: Total points /30

Total Experience points = ___ Out of 170

<u>Application Form</u>

Evaluate the overall quality and readability of the application. Did the competitor(s) follow instructions that were given? Was the application free of any grammatical or spelling errors? Was the application easy to read and did the responses have a general flow?
Award up to 10 points: **Exceeds expectations** - Application was clearly written with no grammatical and/or spelling errors. Directions were followed and the application was extremely easy to read. *Award between 7-10 points* **Meets expectations** - Application was readable and had few minor grammatical and/or spelling errors. Directions were followed. The application was fairly easy to read. *Award between 3-6 points* **Needs improvement** - Applicant either did not follow directions and/or had many grammatical and/or spelling errors. The application was hard to read. *Award between 0-2 points*
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Total Application points = _____Out of 10

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Total Scores – Application	**Points Scored**
Ag Involvement, Impact on Ag and Issues Facing Ag (Questions 2-4)	_____ out of 180
Goals (Question 5)	_____ out of 40
Leadership Experience (Question 6)	_____ out of 170
Application Form	_____ out of 10
Total Points	**_____ out of 400**
Overall Rank	**_____**