



New Century Farmer Program

Frequency Asked Questions



How much does it cost to participate?

There is no cost to participate in the program for those applicants who are selected. Through the generous sponsorship of Pioneer - A DuPont Business, Rabo AgriFinance, Case IH with media partnership from Successful Farming, the five day conference is free for the selected participants. Students travel to and from the conference, hotel accommodations, and meals are all covered.

What are the requirements to apply for the New Century Farmer program?

- Candidates must be currently attending or a recent graduate of a two or four-year college or university.
- Candidates must have experience in the field of production agriculture.
- Candidates must demonstrate the intention to return to a career in production agriculture through work experience, training or other activities including but not limited to academic classes, FFA involvement and/or SAE projects.

Can I submit my application via email?

No, applications may only be submitted by mail. Original signatures are required for a completed application. All applications need to be mailed into the National FFA Center. Please remember applications must be postmarked by March 15, 2010.

How will I know if I'm selected?

All applicants will be notified of the status of their application on or before May 1, 2010. All communication regarding the selection process will come from, or on behalf of Marty Tatman, Education Specialist with Collegiate Programs. The primary mode of communication will be email.

How many people are selected to be a part of the conference each year?

Each year fifty (50) applicants are selected to participate in the New Century Farmer program.

Where can I learn more about the New Century Farmer program?

More information can be found at www.ffa.org/ncfarmer or you can become a fan of the program on facebook by [CLICKING HERE!](#)

What will make up my completed application?

Your completed application will include:

- Completed and typed information form
- Resume
- All 8 essay questions – typed
- Signed certification page

What does the week of the New Century Farmer conference look like?

Throughout the week, participants will partake in numerous informational sessions on topics ranging from:

- Farm succession
- Ag marketing
- International ag and marketing
- New and immerging farm machinery
- Ag finance
- Sustainable agriculture
- Business plan development
- Global ag and trade
- National regulation and regulatory issues

Additionally, participants will partake in numerous field and operation tours around the greater Des Moines, IA area and participate in an extensive team building exercise. Throughout the week, participants will work on developing a vision for their operation. The week is cap stoned off with a networking and celebratory banquet.

Who do I contact if I have questions about the program and/or application?

Please contact Marty Tatman, with Collegiate Programs at National FFA at mtatman@ffa.org or 317-802-4356 with any questions you have.

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