



# 2026 Marathon County Outstanding Young Farmer Application

## Outstanding Young Farmer Applicant Requirements

1. Applicants should be aged 38 or younger on January 1, 2026.
2. Any type of farming enterprise is eligible, but at least two-thirds of the applicant's income must be derived from farming.
3. Applicants can be the farm owner, operator, or manager involved in a farm business.

## Judging Criteria for Award

- Progress in Agriculture Career (50%)
- Soil and Water Conservation (25%)
- Community Activities (25%)

## Recognition

Marathon County Young Farmer Awardee(s) will be recognized at the annual Farm City Dinner on **March 5th, 2026**. Additionally, one local candidate/couple will be selected to compete at the State Outstanding Young Farmer Competition in January 2027.

## Application

Applications can be mailed to:  
Partnership for Progressive Agriculture  
1000 W Campus Dr.  
Wausau, WI 54401

Or email to: [marathonppa@gmail.com](mailto:marathonppa@gmail.com)

Applications **MUST** be received no later than **February 19th, 2026**.

If you have any questions about the Marathon County Outstanding Young Farmer Award Program, please contact the PPA at (715) 581-7778 or [marathonppa@gmail.com](mailto:marathonppa@gmail.com).

*The Partnership for Progressive Agriculture (PPA) annually recognizes outstanding young farmers in Marathon County.*

*Please fill out the form accurately and completely – Print or type all information.*

Name of Applicant(s):

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Please list name(s) as wanted on plaque here.)

Age of Applicant(s) as of January 1, 2026: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant(s) Address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Current Mailing Address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(If Different From Above) (Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Farming Operation:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Years as a Farm Operator: \_\_\_\_\_

Role of the applicant on the farm operation-Select which the following applies:

☐ Sole Proprietor    ☐ Partner    ☐ Salaried Manager    ☐ Other  
Other (Please

Explain): \_\_\_\_\_

If not sole proprietor, Percentage of policy management decision made by applicant:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Total Number of Acres Operated: \_\_\_\_\_

Of the Above Total Acres, Number of Acres Owned Individually: \_\_\_\_\_

Of the Above Total Acres, Number of Acres Owned in Partnership: \_\_\_\_\_

Percentage Owned in Partnership: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of Livestock on the Farm: \_\_\_\_\_

Progress in Agriculture Career

1. How and when did you get started?

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2. Why did you enter the farm operation? What were your goals when you began? What are they now?
3. What Challenges have you faced and overcome?
4. What farm records are kept and how are they used in management analysis?
5. Brief overview of the farm operation today.

#### Soil and Water Conservation

1. Describe any soil and water conservation practices used on your farm? (Soil improvement, erosion control, water management, nutrient management, etc.)

#### Community Activities

1. Describe your involvement in the community and/or within the agriculture industry.

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2. Additional Comments or Information.

*The Partnership for Progressive Agriculture reserves the right to ask additional questions pertaining to this application.*

**I hereby verify that the information stated on the Marathon County Outstanding Young Farmer application is correct to the best of my knowledge.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Applicant)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

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(If Applicable, Signature of Applicant)

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(Date)

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 19th, 2026**

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