# 2021 Small Farmer of the Year Application Requirements

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<td>Cooperative Extension at N.C. A&amp;T</td>
<td>A special honor given to a North Carolina small farmer who is an inspiration to other small farmers. The Small Farmer of the Year Award recognizes a small farmer who is an:</td>
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<td>Small Farmer of the Year</td>
<td>• Innovator in livestock and/or crop production and marketing.</td>
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<td>• Leader, involved in contributing time and other resources to build their community.</td>
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<td>• Steward of the environment who protects and enhances natural resources.</td>
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<td>• Wise businessperson running a farm business in an entrepreneurial manner.</td>
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**Applicant eligibility requirements:**

- Generates 50 percent or more of his or her gross income from farming.
- Earned an average (over the last three years) **annual gross farm income of less than $250,000**.
- Operates a farm wherein the nominee or a family member provides general management for the business.
- Has not previously received the Small Farmer of the Year Award.

**Nomination requirements:**

- An N.C. Cooperative Extension (NCCE) county-based employee must provide input on the nomination form. Nominations can come from an agricultural professional not employed by NCCE; however, it is important for an NCCE county-based employee to be aware that a nomination is being submitted and provide supporting signatures on the nomination form.
- The nominee must have a positive working relationship with the NCCE county center.
- The Small Farmer of the Year must work with the local planning committee and NCCE county center to plan a Small Farms Week educational event the following year.
- The nomination form must be signed by the nominator, nominee and NCCE county director.
- All information provided will remain confidential and will not be returned to sender. If a nominee is chosen as the Small Farmer of the Year, select information may be used for educational and promotional purposes.
Application and supporting materials details:

- All nominations and supporting materials must be received or postmarked by Tuesday, September 15, 2020.
- Late and/or incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Please make copies of your completed application and supporting materials. The awards committee is not responsible for lost applications or supporting materials. Documents will not be returned to sender.

- Submit the application online or send a completed application and supporting materials to:
  Sanjun Gu, Ph.D., Co-Chairperson  
  E-mail: sgu@ncat.edu  
  Phone: 336-285-4954  
  Fax: 336-334-7432  
  c/o: 2021 Small Farmer of the Year Award Committee  
  Cooperative Extension  
  P.O. Box 21928  
  Greensboro, NC 27420

Regular mail must be postmarked by September 15, 2020.