



Arkansas Farm Bureau announces that applications are now being accepted for this year's Arkansas Youth Leadership Summit (AYLS). This 4-day seminar will offer an in-depth look at agricultural degrees and careers, introduce students to Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation, and explore the issues impacting agriculture and rural Arkansas. All of this will take place on the beautiful campus of Southern Arkansas University. Mark your calendars for May 31 – June 3, 2026!

AYLS provides youth with opportunities to learn about various aspects of the agricultural industry, including agencies, companies, and technologies. The summit will examine career opportunities in agriculture and the educational path required for those careers. Additionally, the group will tour the SAU campus and farm, experience dorm life, and engage with local producers and their operations. The summit will wrap up on Wednesday with a lunch for attendees and their families, and one lucky participant will receive a \$500 scholarship!

AYLS is open to high school students entering 11th or 12th grade in the 2026-27 school year. Links to the guidelines and the online application for AYLS are available at www.arfb.com/pages/education/ag-youth-leadership-summit, or you can click on the QR Code below to access the application directly. The deadline to apply is March 20, 2026. Acceptance will be based on a recommendation letter from a county Farm Bureau board member or officer, an agency manager, an ag teacher, or a 4-H leader.

Please review the attached flyer and guidelines for additional details. We look forward to a fun and successful summit and appreciate your help in recruiting students from your school. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Donette Spann at 501-228-1222 or donette.spann@arfb.com.

Sincerely,

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