

## 2025 MAAF Agricultural Award Contest

### “Creating An Experience: Youth In Agriculture”

**Category 1 – Agricultural experiences designed for *children and by children*.** These experiences will include information, demonstrations, and appropriate hands on activities which introduce children to the role of youth in Maine agriculture. \*

**\*Please indicate if your fair has a pre-existing hands-on ag education program designed for children.**

**Category 2 - Agricultural experiences for *ALL fairgoers*** that educate fairgoers about the role of youth in Maine’s agriculture community . This can be a one day program or on going throughout your fair.

**Division 1: Fairs operating for four concurrent days or less.**

**Division 2: Fairs operating for five concurrent days or more.**

## **MAAF Award Application:**

**Please include the following five elements:**

- 1. A brief description of your event(s) and the connection to Maine agriculture. \*Specifically, Youth In Agriculture**
- 2. Who was involved in the planning/funding process? – i.e. individuals, community organizations, agencies, businesses, educators, youth, sponsors, etc. – and the roles they played**
- 3. What challenges did you face and how did you address them?**
- 4. How did the public react to your event? – i.e. personal feedback, hits on your website, survey monkey results, photos of interaction during your event.**
- 5. How was your event promoted? – i.e. print and social media, posters, school, local radio and promotional programs prior to the event, etc.**

**\*Each element will be evaluated on a scale of 1 – 5**

**1 = No evidence presented**

**2 = Minimal evidence of involvement presented**

**3 = Evidence of involvement is presented**

**4 = Evidence of involvement is thorough and comprehensive**

**5 = Evidence of in person community involvement during the fair dates – demonstrations , discussions/interviews, hands-on food preparation, availability of farmers, youth and farmers market vendors, etc.**

**\*Applications may be submitted in digital form, as well as traditional pen and paper.**

**Mail applications to:**

**MAAF, P.O. Box 3, Union, ME 04862**

**Applications must be received by**

**Friday, October 31, 2025.**

**\*For further information, contact**

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