



RE: 2025 Ag Youth Leadership Summit (AYLS)

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Arkansas Farm Bureau is happy to announce that applications are being accepted for this year's Arkansas Youth Leadership Summit (AYLS). This 4-day seminar will provide an in-depth look at agriculture degrees and careers, introduce students to Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation, and examine the issues affecting agriculture and rural Arkansas. All this and more will happen on the beautiful campus of Southern Arkansas University. So, save the dates of June 1-4, 2025!

AYLS allows youth to learn about several aspects of the agricultural industry, including agriculture agencies, companies, and technologies. The summit will explore career opportunities in agriculture and the educational path needed for those careers. In addition, the group will tour the SAU campus and farm, experience dorm life, and interact with local producers and their operations. We will also give back to the community with a service project. The Summit will conclude on Wednesday with a dinner for attendees and their families, and a \$500 scholarship will be given away to one lucky participant!

AYLS is limited to high school students entering the 11th or 12th grades in the 2025-26 school year. Links to the guidelines and the online application for AYLS can be found at www.arfb.com/pages/education/ag-youth-leadership-summit, or click on the QR Code below to go straight to the application. **The deadline for applications is March 15, 2025.** Recommendations from a county Farm Bureau board member or officer will determine applicant acceptance.

Please see the attached flyer and guidelines for more information. We look forward to a successful summit and would appreciate your assistance in recruiting students in your school. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Donette Spann at 501-228-1222 or donette.spann@arfb.com.

Sincerely,

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