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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE

OFFICE OF EDUCATION

Vocational Division

Washington, D. C.

Application ¹

H. O. SARGENT AWARD

New Farmers of America

Application due in the National Office on or before June 30

History and Origin of the Award

The H. O. Sargent Award is made each year at the National NFA Convention in honor of Dr. H. O. Sargent, former Federal Agent for Agricultural Education of the U. S. Office of Education. This award is made to the most successful young Negro farmer who has been out of public school at least 3 but not more than 10 years. The award is made only to former students of vocational agriculture who have completed a total of 4 years of instruction in all-day or young farmer classes.

The family of Dr. H. O. Sargent in 1939 presented a beautiful trophy plaque with individual plates for engraving the name of the most outstanding young Negro farmer of each year. It is considered the highest recognition made by the national organization of the New Farmers of America.

Each year a substantial cash award is made to the State and national winners by the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc., for the purpose of encouraging young Negro men to become successfully established in farming.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

The H. O. Sargent plaque is presented each year to the candidate who is selected as winner of the award on the basis of the following minimum requirements:

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The candidate must:

1. Have completed at least 4 years of organized instruction in all-day, part-time, or day-unit classes of vocational agriculture and not have reached his 31st birthday before the first day of the National Convention in which the award is to be made.
2. Be actively engaged in farming on an independent basis for at least 3 but not more than 10 years after leaving public school, giving documentary evidence as to:
 - a. Originality in the utilization of the facilities on the farm and in the community.
 - b. Development and status of a live-at-home program.
3. Provide documentary evidence of ownership or equity in land, equipment, livestock, or savings of at least \$1,000. The candidate must submit a financial statement of his current farming business, including all records and receipts as evidence of the validity of the statement submitted.
4. Submit a list of the worthy NFA or other acceptable leadership activities that he participated in during his in-school period and his community leadership and cooperative activities since leaving school. He should also submit a biographical sketch of his life and not less than 3 or more than 12 appropriate pictures showing his accomplishments.
5. Be properly certified by the teacher of vocational agriculture, the State NFA Advisor, and the State supervisor of agricultural education.

¹ Prepared by the New Farmers of America in cooperation with the Office of Education, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Washington, D. C.

MAKING THE AWARD

The H. O. Sargent plaque is to remain in possession of the winner of the award for one year only and should be placed in the trophy room of his school. At the next annual convention of the New Farmers of America, the plaque shall be returned to the National Executive Secretary who will award it to the next winner.

Two certificates bearing the reproduction of the plaque shall be awarded by the national organization of New Farmers of America, one to become the permanent property of the winner, one to become the permanent property of the department or departments of vocational agriculture in which the winner received his organized instruction in vocational agriculture. The National Administrative Executive Secretary shall have the responsibility for having the plaque properly engraved and transferred to the next winner. He will also have the certificates made and presented to the winners.

APPLICATION ¹

for the

H. O. SARGENT AWARD

New Farmers of America

A. GENERAL INFORMATION

Chapter _____ State _____

Year _____ School _____

Name _____ Address _____

Date of birth _____ Age _____ Date entered vocational agriculture class _____

Did you graduate from high school? _____

If yes, give date _____ If no, date left school _____

Date inducted into military service _____ Date discharged _____

What is your present occupation? _____

Are you married? _____ If yes, number of children _____ Are you living in the house with your parents? _____ Are you living on your parents' home farm but in a separate house? _____

If answer to either of the last two questions is yes, how many acres of the home farm do you operate on an independent basis? _____ Specify any dependents, other than your wife and children, who live with you _____

Age of your father, if living _____ His occupation _____

His farming status: cropper, tenant, owner _____

Number of acres in his farm _____

¹ This application should be filled out jointly by the local vocational agriculture teacher and the candidate.

* SUMMARY OF THE LAST TWO YEARS * B. THE CANDIDATE'S PRESENT FARM LAY-OUT

Prepare a map showing present lay-out of farm. We suggest using the Soil Conservation Service symbols in preparing the map and when possible attach soil map or aerial maps and other material giving information on the farm.

Land operated by candidate

Types of Land	Number of acres	
	Rented	Owned
1. Tillable		
2. Non-tillable pasture		
3. Wooded, not pastured		
4. Farmstead, roads, lanes		
Totals		

C. THE CANDIDATE'S TRAINING IN VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE

Types of Instruction	Period covered	Number of years completed
1. All-day	(19... to 19...)	
2. Young Farmer	(19... to 19...)	
3. Adult Farmer	(19... to 19...)	

NFA degrees obtained by candidate

Degrees	Date elected to degree	
	Month	Year
1. Farm Hand		
2. Improved Farmer		
3. Modern Farmer		
4. Superior Farmer		

College courses completed by candidate

Courses	Number of months completed
1. Agricultural course	
2. Short course in agriculture	
3. Other courses	

D. CANDIDATE'S FARMING EXPERIENCE

Experience	Period covered	Years
1. Early farm experience:		
a. All-day or part time student of vocational agriculture	(19... to 19...)	
b. Farm laborer away from home	(19... to 19...)	
c. Partner on father's farm	(19... to 19...)	
2. Farm experience on an independent basis:		
a. Partner away from home	(19... to 19...)	
b. Share cropper	(19... to 19...)	
c. Renter	(19... to 19...)	
d. Farm owner	(19... to 19...)	

Instructions

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II. INVENTORY OF APPLICANT'S PRESENT FARM BUSINESS

Present inventory (continued)

Item	Number	Value
D. Livestock:		
Horses or mules		
Beef Cattle:		
Cows		
Heifers (over 1 year)		
Feeder cattle		
Dairy Cattle:		
Cows		
Heifers		
Others		
Hogs:		
Sows		
Boars		
Other hogs		
Poultry:		
Hens and pullets		
Other livestock		
Total Livestock		
	Quantity	Value
E. Harvested crops on hand:		
Grain (bushels):		
Corn (bushels)		
Oats (bushels)		
Wheat (bushels)		
Potatoes (bushels)		
Hay (tons):		
Alfalfa or lespedeza (tons)		
Ground mill feed (tons)		
Tobacco (lbs.)		
Cotton (bales)		
Other		
Total harvested crops		
F. List growing crops:		
Crop	Acres	Value of Current Expenses Only
Total		

IV. CANDIDATE'S PRESENT FINANCIAL STATEMENT
Present inventory (continued)

Item	Number	Value
F. Food produced for family use:		
Canned goods (qts.):		
Vegetables		
Fruit		
Jelly or preserves		
Pork		
Beef		
Chicken		
Fruit dried (lbs.)		
Lard rendered (lbs.)		
Meat cured (lbs.)		
Syrup made (gallons)		
Chicken for meat (number)		
Eggs (dozen)		
Milk (gallons)		
Corn (bushels)		
Other		
Total food supply		
G. Home canning equipment		
GRAND TOTAL INVENTORIES A, B, C, D, E, F, G		

III. THE CANDIDATE'S FARM HOME

- Number of rooms..... Number of bedrooms.....
- Number of persons in the home: men....., women....., boys....., girls.....
- Number of rooms ceiled or plastered..... Number of rooms papered.....
- Is the house well painted?..... Are the doors and windows screened?.....
- Source of water supply (check appropriate blank): Bored well....., dug well....., spring....., surface stream.....
- Is the water piped into the house?..... Does home have bath tub?..... shower?.....
flush toilet?..... sanitary outdoor toilet?.....
- Does kitchen have a sink?..... shelves?..... cabinet?..... worktables?.....
sanitary garbage disposal?..... refrigerator?..... freezer locker?.....
- Does home have storage space for food?..... for clothing?.....
- Does home have electric lights?..... radio?..... washing machine?.....
electric iron?..... ironing board?.....
- Does home have shrubs?..... flowers?..... grass lawn?..... walks?.....
drives?.....
- Check the buildings on the farm: Dwelling..... House for hired man..... Dairy barn.....
Corncrib..... Granary..... Hog house..... Poultry house..... Machine shed.....
Garage..... Milk house..... Storage or root house..... Smokehouse..... Other barns.....
- Check farm improvements: Windmill..... Pump..... Fences (acres fenced).....
Tiling (acres tiled)..... Ponds.....

IV. CANDIDATE'S LIFE INSURANCE

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* Type of policy includes such as 20 pay-life, endowment, G. I. Insurance, and etc.

V. CANDIDATE'S PRESENT FINANCIAL STATEMENT

A. Candidate's Assets

Nature of assets	Value
Checking account at bank _____	
Savings account at bank _____	
NFA thrift account _____	
Bonds, notes receivable, etc. (specify) _____	
Cash surrender value of life insurance if premiums are paid by the candidate. (Do not enter face value of policy. See item IV) _____	
Value of land owned by candidate (page 5) _____	
Value of harvested crops on hand owned by candidate (page 6) _____	
Current expenses of growing crops owned by candidate (page 6) _____	
Value of livestock and poultry owned by candidate (page 6) _____	
Value of machinery and equipment owned by candidate. (In case of partnership machines, include candidate's share only) (page 5) _____	
Other assets (specify) _____	
Total A	
B. Candidate's Liabilities	
Nature of liabilities	Value
Unpaid bills _____	
Notes to be paid _____	
Mortgages to be paid off _____	
Liens _____	
Other liabilities (specify) _____	
Total B	
Net worth (A—B)	

Nature of gifts	Value
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Aid to dependents, other than wife and children (actual cash or equivalent) _____	
Other (specify) _____	

Total C _____	

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VII. EVIDENCE OF OWNERSHIP

NOTE—*Documentary evidence required*

- A. A complete statement of how land, work stock, and equipment used by the candidate were obtained and financed. Submit copy of land deeds or Notary statement of ownership.

- Work stock:

- B. A complete statement by candidate justifying any unusual profits made or appraisal values given.

C. Rental Agreement

Do you have a written or an oral rental agreement?.....

On separate sheets give a complete statement of the rental agreement *using the following outline:*

1. Term of lease:		
a. For period of 19..... to 19.....		
b. Provision for renewal.		
c. Provision for termination.		
2. Rental rates and arrangements:		
a. Cash rent.		
b. Share rent.		
c. Agricultural conservation payments.		
d. Time and place of payment.		
3. Maintenance, repairs and improvements:		
Responsibilities of landlord and tenant in paying for materials and hired labor and in furnishing tenant labor in making improvements, such as:		
a. Permanent improvements.		
b. Minor improvements.		
c. Soil conserving improvements.		
4. Specified acreage of crops.		
5. Specified livestock production (for commercial purposes):		
a. Feed.		
b. Increase.		
6. Use of work stock.		
7. Use and maintenance of machinery, equipment and tools.		
8. Insurance.		
9. Living privileges, such as house, garden, etc.		
10. Additional agreements. Have all documentary evidence witnessed by teacher of Vocational Agriculture or other reliable person.		

VIII. BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF CANDIDATE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN FARMING

Include both in-school and out-of-school accomplishments. Limit the story to not more than 500 words typewritten, double-spaced, on separate paper. Attach a glossy print photo of candidate and 3 to 12 other photos of candidate's farm home and farming activities with the application.

IX. CANDIDATE'S LEADERSHIP AND COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES

A. Leadership Activities in the NFA

School Year	Vocational agriculture teams and events, such as public speaking, camp, convention, banquet, NFA band, etc. (specify)	Scope, such as district federation, State association (specify)	Winnings (indicate whether individual or team) NFA Awards Foundation

B. List Local, State, or National NFA Offices Held By Candidate

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C. Leadership Activities in the Community

Year	Name of group, such as church, community or cooperative organizations	Number of persons involved	Candidate's responsibility

X. CHECK ON MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

**State
Adviser**

**National
Office**

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|---|-------|-------|-------|
| 1. Candidate has completed 4 years of organized instruction in all-day, day-unit, or part-time classes of vocational agriculture | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 2. Candidate has been actively engaged in farming on an independent basis for at least 3 years and not more than 10 years after leaving school. | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 3. Candidate will not reach his 31st birthday before the National Convention | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 4. Candidate has in operation an outstanding farming program that shows comprehensive planning, continuation, growth, and increase in size of the farming program | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 5. Candidate's records are complete, accurate, and neat | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 6. Candidate gives evidence of | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| (a) Farm and home improvement of his own farm | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| (b) A live-at-home program adequate for his family | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| (c) Has submitted a two page story of his accomplishments | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 7. Candidate shows documentary evidence of ownership or equity in land, farm equipment, livestock or savings of at least \$1000 | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 8. Candidate shows outstanding ability in leadership and cooperation | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 9. Candidate has submitted his (glossy) photograph and 3 to 12 photos of his farming activities | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 10. Candidate is properly recommended and certified by his State NFA Association | _____ | _____ | _____ |

ADVISER'S STATEMENT CONCERNING THE CANDIDATE

Information on the work and accomplishments of the applicant, including, among other things, information regarding the general appearance, upkeep, equipment, etc., of the candidate's farm home:

XII. CERTIFICATION OF CANDIDATE

I hereby submit this application and certify that this record is true, complete, and accurate.

(Date)

(Candidate)

XIII. CERTIFICATION BY NFA OFFICIALS

We have checked and verified the credentials of

(Candidate's name)

and find that the statements contained herein are such that we are able to recommend him for the H. O. Sargent Award in the NFA.

(Date)

(State NFA President)

(Date)

(State NFA Advisor)

(Date)

(State NFA Administrative Advisor)

XIV. H. O. SARGENT AWARD SCORE CARD

Items	Points Allowed	Judges' Score
I. Farming program	300	_____
II. Financial statement	150	_____
III. Improved farm practices	150	_____
IV. Ownership and rental agreements	50	_____
V. Leadership and cooperation	100	_____
VI. Home improvements	150	_____
VII. Biographical sketch of achievement in farming	100	_____
TOTAL	1,000	_____

XV. JUDGE'S OF THE H. O. SARGENT AWARD

Signed: _____

Chairman

Judges

Date