MFBF Washington, D.C. Fly-In Program Application

Please complete this form and return it to MFBF at 100 Red Mountain Drive, Suite 101, Bozeman, MT 59718 or via email to Nicole Rolf at nicoler@mfbf.org. Applications may also be submitted through a webform at our website at www.mfbf.org. Applications are due on December 8th, 2023 and winners will be notified by December 15th. For questions, please contact Nicole via email or at 406-951-2429.

The 2024 MFBF Washington D.C. Fly-In will occur on February 13-15, 2024.

Application

Are you a current Voting Century Club Member? ___Yes ___No

Did you contribute to the Farm Bureau PAC? ___Yes ___No

Did you attend your 2023 county Farm Bureau Annual meeting? ___Yes ___No

Did you attend the 2022 MFBF Annual Meeting and Convention? ___Yes ___No

List ways you participated in the Policy Development Process?
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Did you testify or provide written testimony during the 2023 Legislative Session? ___Yes ___No

Which bill(s)?
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Did you respond to any of MFBF’s Action Alerts in 2023? ___Y___N___Which issues?
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Did you contact any local, state or federally elected officials with regard to agriculture issues? Did the official respond? If so, please explain:
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Did you attend MFBF’s Calling on the Capitol in January, 2023? ___ Yes ___ No

Did you participate in an interim committee, Board of Livestock, Fish and Game Commission or other relevant state committee meeting? If so, which one(s)? What was discussed?

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Did you participate in a federal public meeting such as BLM, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Services, Forest Service, etc.? Which one(s) and what was discussed?

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Did you attend the 2023 MFBF Summer Conference? ___ Yes ___ No

Did you visit a Montana Congressional office in Washington, D.C. and discuss a priority Farm Bureau issue? ___ Yes ___ No Which issue(s)?

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Have you ever hosted a Congressional staffer, local legislator, County Commissioner, agency official, etc. on your farm and explained important agriculture issues? Please explain:

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Do you use social media to promote agriculture and explain relevant agriculture issues from a practical, firsthand perspective? Please explain:

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Do you post informative agricultural information on social media, comment on online news stories, write agricultural blog posts, participate in podcasts, etc? If so, please provide web links or attach documents:

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Did you recruit a Century Club member for the 2023 membership year? If so, please list name(s):
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Please share the details about any other advocacy or legislatively related activities you’ve participated in during the 2023 year:
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**Persuasive Statement on a Federal Level Priority Issue**

*In 500 words or less, explain why one or more Federal Level Priority Issues (options attached) are important to your farm or ranch operation. How would you convince a U.S. Senator, Congressman or Agency official that this issue deserves his or her prompt attention?*
Federal Level Priority Issues

This is a list of topics that we will likely discuss during our Fly-In with our Congressional Delegation, Federal Agencies, and other important stakeholders. Please use one or more of them as your topic for discussion in the Federal Level Priority Issue Persuasive statement.

- **Regulatory Reform**
  - This is a broad category that includes things like the Clean Water Rule/WOTUS, PFAS, SEC’s Scope Three Climate Reporting Rule, Endangered Species Act Reform, Wilderness Study Area management, predator control, etc.

- **Farm Policy**
  - Farm Bill 2023. Crop insurance, Title 1 Commodity Programs, Conservation Title Programs (EQIP, CSP, CRP, etc.)

- **Trade**
  - Expansion of markets for US commodities, importance of new trade agreements, etc.

- **Infrastructure**
  - Broadband access, Highways, Transportation, Agriculture Research, Lower Snake River Dams, irrigation systems, etc.

- **Agriculture Labor**
  - Immigration Reform, training and recruitment of skilled workers

- **Federal Lands**
  - Forest Service and Bureau of Lands Management, BLM Grazing Rule, Sage Grouse Management Land Use Plan, multiple use, national parks, etc.