

# New Opportunity for Young Farmers to Attend NYFB National Advocacy Trips!



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NYFB is excited to announce a new opportunity for NYFB Young Farmers to attend national advocacy trips to Washington DC:

***NYFB will cover 50% of a D.C. advocacy trip cost for one NYFB young farmer member (less than 35 years of age) for each of the 3 trips made during the 2020 Congressional Year***

These trips are great opportunities for members to interact with their Congressional representatives directly, tell their agriculture story, and become more familiar with the federal political process.

## **Trip Information:**

Trips typically occur 3 times a year in February/ March, July, and September. Official dates are announced after the NYFB State Annual Meeting in December.

## **Eligibility:**

- Eligibility for the 50% cost coverage is on a first-come, first-serve basis.
    - The first young farmer to confirm their attendance per trip would receive the 50% cost coverage.
      - A waiting list will be established in the event of multiple young farmers attending a trip.
    - While eligibility is based on first-come, first-serve, counties are encouraged to select young farmers who have never attended a D.C. trip, but past young farmer D.C. trip attendees are still be eligible for the cost-share.
  - Individuals may only receive 50% coverage once during the year.
  - Individuals must be a NYFB young farmer member (less than 35 years of age)
  - Covered costs at 50% include:
    - Travel to and from DC (Flight or driving)
    - Hotel
    - Meals (while in DC and does not include ancillary meal costs during travel to and from DC)
- \*County Farm Bureau should budget approximately \$300 to cover the other 50% of the trip cost.*

## **What A D.C. Trip Typically Entails:**

- Visiting with Senators, Representatives and staff to discuss NYFB policy priorities and other legislative and regulatory actions that affect farm businesses in New York.
- Meeting with regulatory agencies and foreign embassies to discuss farm regulation, policy and programs administered by the agencies or foreign governments.
- Working with partner organizations on relevant and timely issues to get their perspectives and share ours, which helps to amplify our collective voices.
- Getting updates from Farm Bureau staff on what is happening in D.C. and updates on issues that may affect your farm.
- Networking opportunity with fellow New York Farm Bureau members from across the state who farm a wide range of commodities.

If you or a young farmer you know are interested in attending at National Advocacy Trip, reach out to your county Farm Bureau/ Field Staff to make them aware of your interest. NYFB continues to encourage all NYFB members to take part in this important process. For more information regarding National Advocacy Trips, please contact Lauren Williams at [lwilliams@nyfb.org](mailto:lwilliams@nyfb.org) or (518) 431-5607.