

For more information or to get involved in the YC program contact your Area Office:

The mission statement of the Dairy Farmers of America, Inc. Young Cooperator Program is to foster interaction between young cooperators, the dairy industry and their communities; to share knowledge and develop leadership skills, to understand the value and philosophy of a cooperative, enabling young cooperators to improve their industry, their cooperative and their lives.

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*Young Cooperator
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MEMBERSHIP

Any young dairy farmer over 18 years of age shall be eligible to participate, provided he or she is owner or a partner, or in the process of becoming an owner or partner of the dairy farm business of a member of Dairy Farmers of America Inc., or who has some distinct responsibilities in management decisions of the dairy farm operation.

The Young Cooperator (YC) Program will be geared towards young dairy farmers and their families. To this extent any member who feels he/she can contribute to or gain from the YC Program is invited to participate.

However, any member applying for any YC award trips which DFA sponsors will need to be at least 18 years of age and not having reached his/her 41st birthday before January 1 of the following year.

GOALS

To provide a continuing educational process for each participant regarding the basic principals and practices of cooperative, specifically DFA and other agriculture related cooperatives

To develop personal and leadership skills that can be utilized at home, on the farm, in the co-operative, and in the community.

To provide opportunities for Young Cooperators to exercise their leadership skills through local, regional, and national YC Conference, both within DFA and in conjunction with other organizations.

To develop fellowship among young farmers within their Area and from across the country which allows them to share ideas and experiences.

BENEFITS

The YC program creates a constant supply of knowledgeable future leaders.

The YC program creates non-elected leaders and an informed membership that is crucial to the success of any cooperative.

The YC program gives those who participate firsthand experience so that they not only understand how the cooperative operates, but also make the transition to becoming an elected representative of DFA an easier one.

The YC program provides leaders who attend meetings, ask questions, and are generally more active in providing direction to elected officials and management.

