

Member of the Year Competition 2026

ELIGIBILITY

1. Districts will be invited to select a member, who, must be full bona fide members of a Club affiliated to the Scottish Association of Young Farmers Clubs and must not have attained their 28th birthday by the date of the National Final.
2. Winners of the Member of the Year are ineligible to compete ever again.

SCORING CRITERIA

The objective of the competition is to select a member who has shown that they are involved in all aspects of the YFC movement but not necessarily having held an office bearer position.

Judges will be looking for:-

- a) Involvement at club level during their period of membership.
- b) Overall YFC involvement (i.e. Club, District, Region or National)
- c) Specific involvement in activities in previous 12 months (competitions, recruitment)
- d) General commitment to YFC - awareness of fellow members' interest in YFC and objective view of the future of the movement.
- e) An individual whom is a role model to other members and a good team player.

PROCEDURE

1. District Secretaries will be issued with an application form, which must be completed by the competitor as soon as the District Elimination has been held. However, it should be noted that it is the responsibility of the District Secretary to collect this form complete and return it by the closing date stated at the foot of these rules. This application will show both biographical information as well as give a brief account of their YFC activities. Districts are encouraged to use this form. (Special emphasis should be placed on their involvement at Club Level). A video application will also be accepted, this should be interview format with no editing answering the Questions on entry form and take no more than 3mins.
District must also provide a reference no more than 250 words
2. Along with the completed entry form competitors should provide supporting documents which prove they have been an active Young Farmer within the association and community. Some suggestions would be: Word document listing what competitions the individual has taken part in and placings within events, Cuttings out newspapers or certificates and photos. **A maximum of three pages of supporting documents should be provided.**
3. Competitors will be interviewed by a panel of three judges in an informal atmosphere. **Formal wear is not required at interview but expected at prize giving.**
4. Competitors should also be aware that they might be expected to participate in a brief interview on stage before the results are announced.
5. If the competitor through to the National Final has to withdraw from the competition, then the next highest placed competitor will represent the District.

Entry Deadline Date: Friday 13th February 2026

Competition Date: Saturday 28th February 2026

Entry Fee: £20