

Farm Foundation Cultivators FAQ

What is Farm Foundation?

Foundation is an accelerator of practical solutions for agriculture. Our mission is to build trust and understanding at the intersections of agriculture and society. We accomplish this by leveraging non-partisan objective dialogue, information and training, catalyzing solutions and creating multi-stakeholder collaboration. Our vision is to build a future for farmers, our communities and our world. Since 1933, we have connected leaders across agricultural sectors—farming, business, academia, organizations and government.

What is Farm Foundation® Round Table?

A program of Farm Foundation, the Round Table is an invitational group of agricultural leaders who meet semi-annually to discuss issues of importance to agribusiness, the food system and rural communities. The sessions are intended to provide ideas and a learning experience that participants may use in their own activities.

What is the Cultivator program?

The Cultivator program provides awards for up to six undergraduate or graduate-level students from accredited agricultural programs in the United States to participate in a Farm Foundation Round Table meeting.

Who can nominate a student?

Only a dean, director, or department chair from a participating institution can nominate a student for the Cultivator program. Farm Foundation encourages the sponsoring institution to choose students who have a direct interest in the subject on which the Round Table meeting program will be focused.

What will the Cultivators be required to do?

Students are expected to log in and attend each virtual Round Table session, with working webcam and audio capabilities. They are expected to actively engage with Round Table participants via the conference platform, chat, live participation opportunities, and/or other means as well as make a brief (approximately 5-8 minute) presentation on an animal agriculture topic during the Round Table meeting. Students who participate in all conference activities will receive a \$500 honorarium to be paid after the conference.

How will students meet Round Table participants?

A Round Table participant will be assigned as a host/mentor for each Cultivator. Mentors will reach out to the students before the event to let them know what to expect, etc. During the meeting, Mentors will ensure that the Cultivators are meeting other Round Table members, students, speakers, and guests. They will also be introduced and integrated among the Round Table participants throughout the event.

How can I nominate a student?

Only a dean, director, or department chair from a participating institution can nominate a student for the Cultivator program. Nominators or their designees should complete the online nomination form located here:

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/FarmFoundation/FarmFoundationCultivatorsNominationForm>.

Please note: Contact information and a current resume/CV for the student will be required, in addition to a brief description of the student's proposed presentation.

