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Applications Now Open For NDA’s Nebraska Ag Youth Institute

It’s application time for one of the biggest youth agricultural outreach events in the state, Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute (NAYI). NAYI brings together high school juniors and seniors to learn more about Nebraska agriculture, network with agricultural leaders and discover the many careers available in agriculture. The Nebraska Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (NDA) will host the NAYI program along with county and state FFA chapters June 15-19, 2020.

NAYI will be held at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln’s East Campus starting on July 6, 2020. Applications must be submitted by April 10, 2020.

Applications are available at aksarben.org/nayi and must be submitted online. Current high school juniors and seniors interested in attending should visit the website for more information. The first workshop of the week will give students a farm management farm management, a fremulum and awards presentation, and a street dance. NAYI is coordinated by the Nebraska Youth Council, which is comprised of 21 college-aged students selected by NDA for their passion and interest in the ag industries. NAYI’s purpose is to provide young Nebraska students, with a better understanding of agriculture, included agricultural opportunities in the 15 days leading up to today’s kind of opportunity. NAYI is in its 49th year, and is one of the largest programs in the nation that focuses on teaching agricultural youth about Nebraska agriculture and the opportunities in agriculture.

This year’s theme is “Building Your Brand,” and will feature motivation speakers, discussions on agricultural issues and career options.

A Local Working Group that provides advice on the priorities for many of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) conservation programs will meet March 10, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at the Upper Loup NRD meeting room, 53125 Hwy 2, Thedford, NE.

The public is encouraged to attend and express their natural resource concerns. Ideas generated from the public will help the U.S. Department of Agriculture tailor their natural resource programs to the unique needs identified locally.

There is a Local Working Group in each Natural Resources District through the State Natural Resource Leadership on the Local Working Group (NWLG) is a collaborative group that provides input to the NRCS conservation programs. The program helps landowners and operators make natural resource improvements to their land and wildlife. This funding was allocated according to the priorities identified by the Local Working Group.

District Conservationist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Burwell, Nebraska, said that NAYI is a creative and fun way to engage a whole new generation of people working in the ag industry,” said NDA Director Steve Swaim. “If you know high school juniors or seniors with an interest in agriculture, be sure to encourage them to apply to NAYI before the April 15, 2020, application deadline.

The Aksarben Foundation’s Farm Family Awards program, through proper reduce, reuse and recycle practices and prides itself on thinking “outside the box.” Keep Loup Basin Beautiful (KLBB), a Keep America Beautiful affiliate, is grant-funded through the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) and Keep America Beautiful, and is a project of the Loup Basin RC&D Council that promotes proper waste reduction, recycling, and beautification.

Dan Madsen, President of the Keep Loup Basin Beautiful board of directors, said, “We look forward to recognizing and awarding creative skills and a lot of fun imagination.”

More information about Keep Loup Basin Beautiful can be found online at klbb.org.

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