

SEARCH FOR OUTSTANDING YOUNG FARMER/FISHERFOLK

I. RATIONALE

The outstanding young farmer/fisherfolk is one who believes that farming is a stable profession that can make him equal if not better than the other young people in his neighborhood who left their village in search for other opportunities in nearby cities.

The outstanding young farmer/ fisherfolk enjoys his effort and takes all initiatives to improve his farm productivity by adapting to new and changing economic market environments in and around his village.

The outstanding young farmer/ fisherfolk is aware of new developments in agriculture and always eager to learn the “ropes” and take the initiatives to acquire these knowledge in whatever that are available to him.

The outstanding farmer/fisherfolk considers farming as an opportunity for creativeness and handles his farm as an economic enterprise with full belief that the earning derived from farming can give a comfortable life in the future.

II. SCOPE

1. Young Farmer/ Fisherfolk

A person who is directly or personally engaged in crop cultivation, livestock and animal raising, fish capture and/ or fish culture, who is not more than thirty (30) years old at the time of nomination.

2. Farming System

The mixture of farming enterprise to which a young farmer/ fisherfolk allocates his resources in order to efficiently utilize existing environment for the attainment of his goals.

a. *Resources* - refers to land, water, labor or capital

b. *Farming Enterprise* - refers to agricultural production activities that the farmer engages in his farm (ex. Crop production livestock/ poultry production, aquaculture, marine fishing and processing, marketing and others)

III. QUALIFICATIONS

1. The nominee must be a Filipino citizen, of good moral character certified by the barangay chairman, not more than thirty (30) years old at the time of nomination.
2. He/She must be utilizing a farm area of not more than five (5) hectares.
3. He/She must be a member of cooperative or any recognized farmer/fisherfolk rural based organizations.

4. Must be in good credit standing, if a loan borrower.
5. He/She must own/manage the enterprise himself/herself.

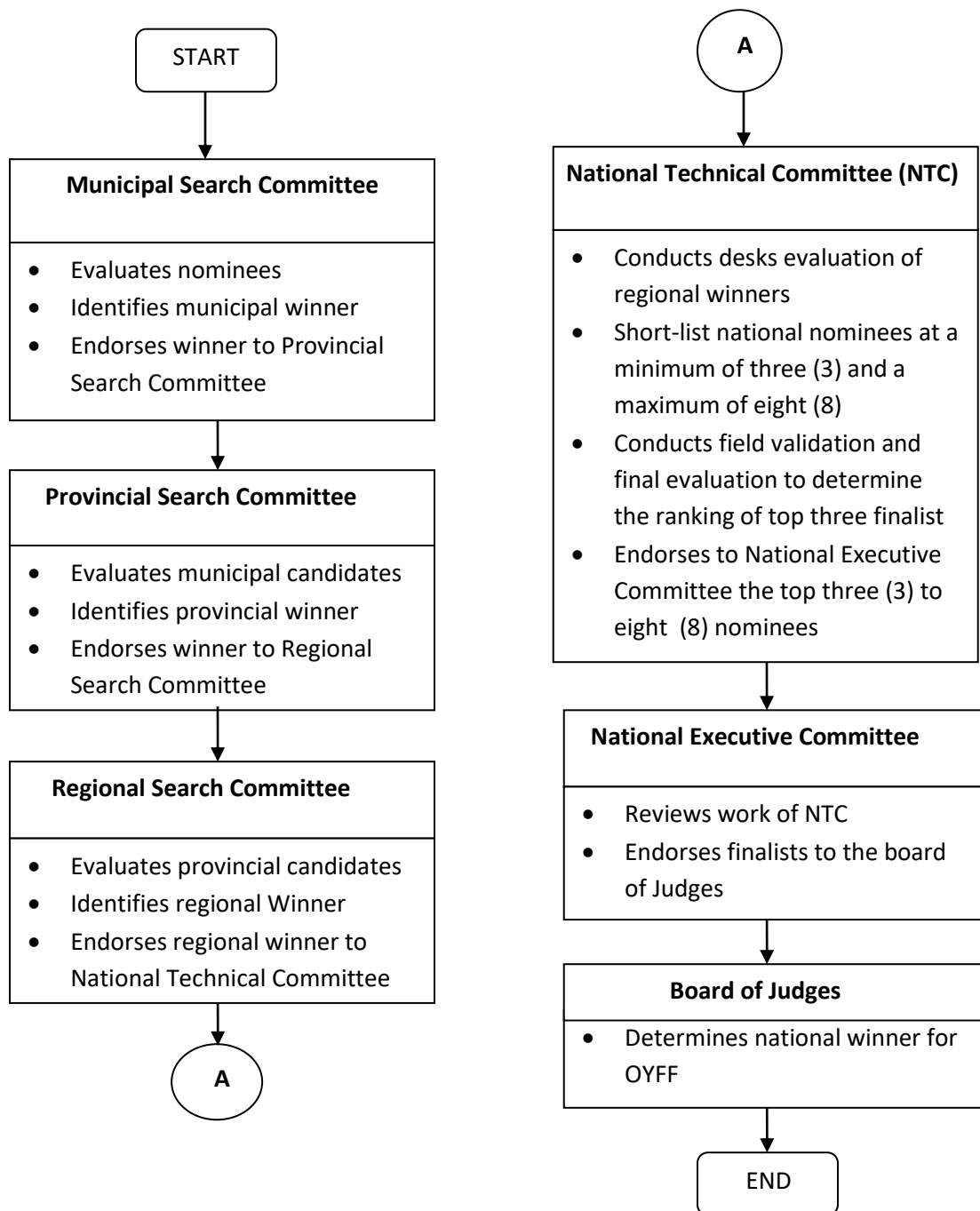
IV. SEARCH RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Nomination shall be made on the prescribe form by any individual who belongs to a civic organization or a rural-based association, and Local Government Units (LGU's). Officials and employees of Department of Agriculture are ineligible to nominate;
2. Only qualified nominees in this category and with complete scrap book and records of operations will be considered for evaluation by the Provincial and Regional Search Committee;
3. A national winner shall not be eligible for nomination in the same category in the DA Annual Search within five (5) years after winning the award;
4. The performance period of three (3) consecutive years immediately preceding the start of the search will be covered for evaluation;
5. The only regional winner or entry shall be properly endorsed by the region, and shall be considered for national evaluation;
6. The national winner's scrap book, video tape and other documents submitted for evaluation shall become the property of the Department of Agriculture. The NTC may request additional documents as needed;
7. The decision of the Board of Judges shall be final.

V. SEARCH AND EVALUATION PROCESS

Upon announcement by the Department of Agriculture, the search for Gawad-Saka Awardees for the current year shall start at the Barangay Level. At least two (2) local residents shall identify prospective outstanding young farmer/ fisherfolk. Nominating individual or organization then collects information about the nominee. They assist the nominee in preparing a scrap book containing the Documentary Requirements and submit the same to the Municipal Search Committee.

The evaluation process begins at the Municipal level and ends at the National Level, as shown below:



VI. REQUIREMENTS (to be contained in the Scrapbook)

1. Duly filled-out Personal Data Form (OYFF Form 1), with 2 latest pictures (2 x 2), verified and certified correct by the Agricultural Technician/Municipal Agriculturist/MAFC Chairman).
2. Duly filled-out nomination forms (OYFF Form II).
3. The nominee's certificate of live birth duly certified by the Civil Registrar's Office.

4. Certification from the Municipal/City Mayor, Agriculturist or FDP Municipal coordinator that the nominee is a bonafide farmer/fisherfolk actually and personally undertaking agricultural projects of not more than five (5) hectares.
5. Proof of ownership such as title, tax declaration, contract, FLA, etc.
6. Farm layout or sketch should include the following:
 - a. Location of house, farm, roads agricultural equipment/infrastructure, etc.
 - b. Estimated distances (m) and area (hectares).
 - c. Indicate type of crop-animal-fishery in the farm location
7. All documents and materials to be contained in the scrapbook (ex. Photocopy of certificate of membership in youth farmer organization, trainings/seminars, awards, certificates, community involvement to certain projects, etc.) duly certified by the MAO and or / Mayor.
8. Income tax return (ITR) payment for the last three (3) consecutive years immediately preceding the current year of Gawad-Saka Search. If exempted, proof of exemption, duly certified by the BIR.
9. Farm documentation of **ALL** relevant photographs/photocopies of the nominee's enterprises. It should not be more than twenty (20) photographs (3R).

*A five (5) minute maximum videotape of the nominee's activities and related information shall be submitted.
10. Records/Summary of operation, expenses, yield and income for the cropping/enterprise period.

VII. EVALUATION CRITERIA

INDICATORS	POINTS DISTRIBUTION	
1. Farm Productivity		20
a. Yield/ Potential Production (Annual/ha)	10	
>80% volume output = 10		
>60% “ = 8		
<60% “ = 6		
b. Total Farm Production Value – Cost Ratio (Sum of Value of Commodities divide by Sum Production Cost)	10	

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2. Farm Management Efficiency		20
a. % of the farm being utilized	7	
>90% = 7		
>60% = 5		
<60% = 3		
b. Utilization of Farm Technologies (Application of technology, soil and water management, environment as applied to fishery, crops, livestock production)	7	
Good (properly applied) = 7		
Poor (not properly applied) = 5		
c. Integration/ Technology complementation (Integration of waste-fertilizer-energy-feed.etc.)	6	
Good = 6		
Fair = 4		
Poor = 2		
3. Cash Flow (Income, Savings, Reinvestments)		10
a. Amount of Investments/ Reinvestments (purchase of equipment, livestock, etc.)	5	
b. Return of Investments (ROI)	5	
4. Record keeping		5
5. Market Orientation		10
a. Cost saving initiatives	4	
Good = 4		
Fair = 3		
Poor = 1		
b. Income-generating projects (has other sources of	3	

income)		
Good (if agriculture related) = 3		
Fair (if other than agriculture related)=2		
Poor = 1		
c. Marketing initiatives and techniques	3	
Good = 3		
Fair = 2		
Poor = 1		
6. Individual Skills		20
a. Leadership	8	
Good = 8		
Fair = 6		
Poor = 4		
b. Communication (oral or written)	4	
Good = 4		
Fair = 3		
Poor = 2		
c. Extension (adoption/willing to transfer technology)	8	
Good = 8		
Fair = 6		
Poor = 4		
7. Impact/ Contribution to the Community		15
a. Contribution to Family Income	5	
b. Influence on other Youths in the Community	5	
c. Participation in Community Activities	5	
TOTAL		100