



INSTRUCTIONS

2017 Pioneer and Heritage Farm Awards Application

AKSARBEN Foundation is currently accepting applications for the annual Nebraska Pioneer and Heritage Farm Awards. Sponsored by AKSARBEN Foundation and Nebraska Farm Bureau, this program recognizes farm families in Nebraska whose land has been owned by members of the same family for 100 and 150 years.

- A family may receive one award at a time so apply for either the 100 year or the 150 year award.
- The farm's current minimum size required to submit an application is 40 acres, unless the original deed or homestead documents state the original homestead was less than 40 acres.
- Print the application and complete all blank lines on the first page of the form. Please use a second sheet to provide additional farm history.
- It is critical that the farm's historical information is factual. AKSARBEN Foundation requires that the county fair board for the county in which the land is located approve each application at a fair board meeting. **For this reason, applications are submitted by the farm family to the local fair board by April 21.** An alphabetical list of the Nebraska counties provides the county fair board's contact's name, address, and phone number to assist you with the application process.

Upon receipt of the approved applications, AKSARBEN Foundation will check for duplications from prior years, verify eligibility rules were met, and then notify those families that will be honored. This process is to ensure that data collected from the application is correct and that awards produced will be accurate. **Due to the tight time lines for verification and production of the awards/gatepost markers, applications received after the deadline date will be held for distribution in the following year.**

The farm awards are presented to the family or their designee at their local county fair. Your county fair board's representative will contact you to provide the date, time, and location of the award presentation.

As a reminder, each farm is awarded one plaque and one gatepost marker. After the fair, the family may purchase, at their own expense, additional plaques or markers directly from the trophy company. The contact name and number for this third party will be provided in the notification letter mailed to the honorees in late May or early June.

Please contact AKSARBEN Foundation if you have additional questions.

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NEBRASKA HERITAGE FARM AWARD

Honoring families for 150 years of farm ownership

Sponsored by **AKSARBEN Foundation** and **Nebraska Farm Bureau**

Eligibility for Farm Award:

- A minimum of 40 acres that continues to operate as a farm or ranch
- Same family must have continuously owned for a minimum of 150 years
- Ownership from original buyer has passed through children, grandchildren, siblings, nieces, nephews, through marriage or adoption

Date: _____ **County:** _____

Current Owner(s): _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **ST:** ____ **ZIP:** _____

Phone: _____ **Email** _____

Location of Farm: _____

Legal description-Township/Range/Section: _____

Acres originally acquired: _____ **# still retained:** _____ **# still farmed:** _____

Original Owner's Name: _____ **Year Acquired:** _____

Crops and Livestock produced: _____

Current Owner's signature: _____ **Date:** _____

The following information will be print on the plaque and gatepost marker:

“ _____ Family Farm established _____ ”
(PRINT family name) *(insert original owner's year acquired)*

Next Owner (and spouse) _____ **Year Acquired:** _____

Relationship to original family owner: _____

Next Owner (and spouse) _____ **Year Acquired:** _____

Relationship to previous family owner: _____

Next Owner (and spouse) _____ **Year Acquired:** _____

Relationship to previous family owner: _____

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Relationship to previous family owner: _____

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Relationship to previous family owner: _____

- *For additional owners beyond 5, please attach corresponding information on additional page*
- *Future generations will appreciate the history that you share. Consider attaching stories of the first families that worked the land, erected buildings and the stories behind those buildings.*

Some points to guide you:

- ✓ Birthplace of original owners
- ✓ Per acre cost for each purchase
- ✓ Transition (if any) of crops and livestock produced over the years
- ✓ Identify if any of the original buildings are still standing

- *You may submit photographs and other documents of historical value for this land, please be aware that photos and documents will NOT be returned.*
- One plaque and one gatepost marker are provided per farm. Additional plaques or markers can be purchased after the county fair presentation at your own expense.

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FAIR BOARD USE ONLY:

Approval from the county fair board of the county in which the land is located is required and should be reflected in the fair board's meeting minutes. Only applications submitted by a fair board will be accepted.

Fair board meeting date when this application was approved: _____

Fair board representative signature: _____ Date: _____

Fair board representative printed name: _____

Fair board mailing address: _____ City: _____ ZIP: _____

Whenever possible, AKSARBEN Foundation and/or Nebraska Farm Bureau may have a representative present for the award presentation therefore the following information is necessary:

2017 Fair Dates _____ Date for Award Presentation: _____

Exact location of presentation: _____ Time of Presentation: _____

Fair board representative must mail the approved form by MAY 5th to:

Heritage Farm Award, AKSARBEN Foundation, 6910 Pacific St, Ste 102, Omaha, NE 68106