

Farm Foundation® Round Table Cultivators FAQ

What is Farm Foundation, NFP?

Farm Foundation, NFP is a 501(c) (3) non-profit focused on economic and policy issues impacting agriculture, the food system and rural regions. We do not lobby or advocate. Our mission is to serve as a catalyst for sound public policy by providing objective information to foster deeper understanding of issues shaping the future for agriculture, food systems and rural communities. Our 80-year history of objectivity allows us to bring together diverse groups for meaningful discussions.

What is Farm Foundation® Round Table?

A program of Farm Foundation, NFP, 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 Round Table 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 attend a Farm Foundation® Round Table meeting.

What does the award cover?

The award covers meeting registration costs and hotel rooms. It will be the responsibility of the student, or nominating institution to cover the cost of travel to and from the Round Table. If a winning student from a nominating university is unable to attend the Round Table for any reason, the nominating university should be prepared to send an equally qualified student in their place.

Who can nominate a student?

Only a dean or director from a participating institution can nominate a student for the Cultivator program. Two months before each Round Table meeting, deans or directors will be invited to select an upper-classman or graduate-level students to attend the Round Table. 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 is required for the poster presentation?

Cultivators will be required to prepare a “poster presentation” that they will host during the Round Table kick-off reception. The subject can focus on the student’s research, interests or a current project in which he/she are involved. Posters should be no smaller than 36’X24’. They will be affixed to a hard backing.

How will students meet Round Table members?

A Round Table member will be assigned as a host/mentor each Cultivator. Mentors will reach out to the students before the event to let them know how to dress, what to expect, etc. At the meeting Mentors will ensure that the Cultivators are meeting other Round Table members, students, speakers and guests. They will also introduce them during the Round Table lunch.

