

Outstanding Teacher Award

The Wisconsin Agriculture in the Classroom Program annually recognizes a Wisconsin teacher or a teaching team for their achievements in teaching students the importance of agriculture while integrating agricultural concepts across the curriculum. The goal of teaching youth about agriculture is to help students acquire enough knowledge to function effectively as agriculturally literate citizens supportive of wise agricultural policies and programs.

Who is eligible?

- Certified teachers currently engaged in classroom instruction at the pre-K through 12 levels. Applications may be from an individual teacher or a teaching team.
- Teachers integrating agricultural concepts into non-agricultural curricula (agriculture education instructors are not eligible).

What will the winner receive?

- The state winner(s) will receive a plaque given in a classroom presentation
- \$500 to be used towards the 2018 National AITC Conference in Portland, ME, June 26-29, 2018.
- The state winner(s) will represent Wisconsin as the state's nominee for the Excellence in Teaching About Agriculture Award Program presented by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Ag in the Classroom program.

What are the criteria for selection?

Teachers must utilize agricultural information and/or materials within the classroom curriculum in an effort to assist students in learning the importance of agriculture. Learning activities may include, but are not limited to, understanding agriculture's impact on personal lives, our national heritage, the environment, national security and the economy. Innovative and interdisciplinary programs are encouraged.

A panel of judges familiar with agriculture, education, and Agriculture in the Classroom will evaluate all nominations. Teacher's name and other identifying information will be removed from the application for judging.