



Outstanding Teacher Award Application 2021-2022 School Year

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
- Past state winners and certified 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 2022 National AITC Conference in Saratoga Springs, NY, or towards educational resources or training.
- 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 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.

Evaluation Criteria

A. Creativity and Utilization of Agricultural Information

Points

50 points

The degree to which sound agricultural concepts have been infused into the classroom curriculum. Reference should be made to the creative methods utilized in advancing student learning.

B. Interdisciplinary Approach

25 Points

The degree to which agricultural concepts have been included in a variety of subjects and disciplines. Value will be placed on the approach which teaches agriculture across the curriculum.

C. Student Impact

25 Points

Evidence of teacher's impact on student attitudes and overall learning.

How can applications be submitted?

Four copies of the application (one original and the other three can be copies) must be postmarked by October 15 to:

Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation, Ag in the Classroom, P.O. Box 5550, Madison, WI 53705-0550

Outstanding Teacher Award Application Form

Name: _____

Home Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

School Name: _____

School Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Grade Level: _____ Subjects taught: _____

Number of years teaching experience: _____

Number of years at current school: _____

EDUCATION

INSTITUTION

YEAR

DEGREE/CERTIFICATION

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

POSITION

SCHOOL/ORGANIZATION

DATES

AWARDS AND HONORS RELATED TO TEACHING

OTHER RECOGNITION OR HONORS

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Program Description and USDA Application Agreement:

Prepare a program description (no more than 250 words) that summarizes how you incorporate agriculture into your classroom. This should be a **general** overview of classroom lessons, field trips, speakers, resources used, professional development and/or any other activities that you do to achieve agricultural literacy among your students.

I certify that the information submitted with this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Applicant's signature further expressly grants permission to use these submitted materials at future Agriculture in the Classroom functions or other appropriate public forums, to publicize in whatever manner, including but not limited to the Wisconsin Agriculture in the Classroom website.

If selected as the Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom Outstanding Teacher, I will cooperate with the Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom Coordinator to complete the USDA application and additional documentation by January 15, 2022.

Applicant's signature: _____ Date: _____

Return four copies of the application postmarked by October 15 to:

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