

OUTSTANDING AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION TEACHER DON WILSON MEMORIAL AWARD

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this award is to recognize outstanding agricultural education teachers who have taught at least twenty years for their participation and leadership in civic, community, agriculture/agribusiness and professional activities.

RULES AND INSTRUCTIONS:

- A. **Application Cover Sheet** – the first page of the application must be the completed application cover sheet that is included with the application packet. No other cover pages should be included. (The cover sheet is not considered a part of the page limitations.)
- B. **Narrative** – the narrative is limited to eight 8½” x 11” pages. The narrative must be typewritten in Word format with a font no smaller than 12 point, double-spaced, and on one side of the page only. Multiple text formats are acceptable including paragraphs, lists, and tables. The narrative must follow the outline specified as follows:
1. **Overview** – brief description of your agricultural education program and the community in which your program exists. (10%)
 2. **Teaching Philosophy** – brief reflective statement (not to exceed one page) of your personal teaching philosophy. (10%)
 3. **Instruction** – examples of your effective classroom and laboratory instruction including curricula you have developed. (20%)
 4. **Experiential Learning** – examples of your accomplishments in getting students involved in work-based learning such as supervised agricultural experience programs, cooperative education, and internships. (10%)
 5. **Student Organizations** – examples of your students’ participation and successes in student organization activities, including FFA, PAS, and NYFEA. (10%)
 6. **Partnerships** – examples of your relationships with partners such as volunteers, school and community leaders, industry leaders, and others who have the capacity to support your agricultural education program. (10%)
 7. **Marketing** – examples of how you market (or promote) your local program with groups such as prospective students, parents, school administrators, and community leaders. (10%)
 8. **Professional Growth** – examples of how you stay professionally prepared and up-to-date in teaching techniques and technical content including information regarding your participation in professional organizations such as NAAE. (15%)
- C. **Letters of Reference** – three letters of reference should be included. Sources of the letters should be as follows: one letter from an administrator; one letter from an agricultural educator; and one letter from a member of the community. (The letters of reference are not considered in the page limitations.) (5%)

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- D. **Supporting Materials** – the supporting materials are limited to eight 8½” x 11” pages using one side of the page only. Supporting materials (such as photographs with captions, news articles, and other items) must be formatted to 8½” x 11. Evaluation of supporting materials will be included with the evaluation of the components of the narrative (C.1 – C.8). **Please include a USB flashdrive with high resolution digital images of photographs used in the supporting materials, including a photograph of the applicant(s).**
- E. **Banquet Statement** – Each applicant must include a separate statement of 150 words or less about themselves and three to five pictures for presentation purposes at the CATA awards banquet along with their application. This information will not be seen by the members of the scoring committee.

CALIFORNIA AGRICULTURAL TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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This application must be typed in 12 pt. font.

Due Date: February 15

Name of Applicant _____ School _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Cell Phone _____

School Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Work Phone _____

School Fax _____ Email Address _____

Number of Years Taught _____

Schools Where You've Taught _____

Please provide the following information for award press releases:

Name of Local Newspaper _____

Local Newspaper's Phone Number _____

Email Address for Local Newspaper _____

If named as a regional winner, I will attend the entire NAAE Convention.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

If this teacher is selected as a regional winner, he/she will be permitted to attend the convention.

School Official _____ Date _____
(including signature and title)

Date Forwarded to the State Association _____