

# PATHWAY TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

## PURPOSE:

This program distinguishes CATA members who emphasize concepts, principles and applications related to their pathway curricula. The award recognizes leadership in the teachers focus area, civic, community, and professional activities. Outstanding agriculture educators are innovators and catalysts for student success in all areas of agriculture education.

## RULES:

Instructors within agriculture education and active CATA members can apply for one pathway specific award to be recognized within each school year. Pathway for consideration must be identified on the application. If an application is not received in a specific pathway, then that award will not be given that year.

## 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 education program related to your pathway area (including how students apply subject specific content and knowledge in their agricultural activities and competencies they learn) and the community in which your program exists. (15%)
  2. **Teaching Philosophy** – brief reflective statement (not to exceed one page) of your personal teaching philosophy especially related to your program. (10%)
  3. **Instruction** – examples (relating specifically to your pathway area) of your effective classroom and laboratory instruction including innovative methods, resources, and curricula you have developed. (15%)
  4. **Experiential Learning** – examples of your students’ accomplishments in getting students involved in pathway specific work-based learning such as supervised agricultural experience programs, certifications, cooperative education, and internships. (10%)
  5. **Student Organizations** – examples of your students’ participation and successes specifically related to your pathway area in student organization activities, such as FFA, PAS, NYFEA, and other student organizations. (10%)
  6. **Partnerships** – examples of your relationships with partners such as school leaders including subject related supporting staff, community leaders in the agriculture industry, volunteers, and others who have the capacity to support your program. (10%)

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7. **Marketing** – examples of how you market (or promote) your local program to groups such as prospective students, parents, school administrators, and community leaders. Specifically address how emphasizing your pathways goals and achievements stimulated additional support for your program. (10%)
  8. **Professional Growth** – examples of how you stay professionally prepared hand up-to-date in teaching techniques and technical content as it relates to pathway including information regarding your participation in professional organizations related to your pathway and content area (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%)
- 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 (B.1 – B.8). **Please include a USB flash drive with high-resolution digital images of photographs used in the supporting materials, including a headshot or professional photograph of the applicant.**
- 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

## Pathway Teacher of the Year Award

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Pathway to be considered, select one:

- Agriculture Business
- Agriculture Mechanics
- Agriscience
- Animal Science
- Forestry & Natural Resources
- Ornamental Horticulture
- Plant & Soil Science

Schools Where You've Taught \_\_\_\_\_

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Please provide the following information for award press releases:

Name of Local Newspaper \_\_\_\_\_

Local Newspaper's Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address for Local Newspaper \_\_\_\_\_

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Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

School Official \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(including signature and title)

Date Forwarded to the State Association \_\_\_\_\_