

**GENERAL INFORMATION  
TEACHER OF EXCELLENCE APPLICATION**

- I. In order to qualify for the Teacher of Excellence award, the applicant must have:
1. Completed ten years of teaching in a secondary school or community college agricultural education program, or a combination thereof. Eligible to apply in their eleventh year and thereafter;
  2. Been a paid member of the California Agricultural Teachers' Association for at least ten years;
  3. Held at least one CATA sectional, regional, or state office.
  4. Be a current paid member of the CATA by the fall regional meeting of the year nominated.
- II. To be evaluated, applicant must complete the application and submit by email or mail by February 15th to:
- California Agricultural Teachers' Association  
P.O. Box 186  
Galt, CA 95632-0186
- III. This application form is the only one that will be accepted for consideration for the Teacher of Excellence award.
- IV. No part of this application shall be omitted. All sections must be completed.
- V. **No additions, other than those called for in the application, will be considered. Only pages 2 and 3 and two references will be used for the scoring process.**
- VI. All applications MUST be accompanied by two letters of recommendation or references of applicant's qualifications as an agricultural teacher. These letters must be written by an administrator, school board member, agricultural teacher, teacher educator, or regional supervisor.
- VII. All applications must be typed in 12 pt. font. Either outline form or narrative is acceptable.
- VIII. Each applicant must include the following with their application - a separate statement of 150 words or less about themselves and three to five photographs (must be submitted electronically or on USB flash drive) for presentation purposes at the CATA awards banquet. Please save and label each picture as a separate file (i.e. John Smith Headshot, John Smith with CDE team, John Smith and family, etc.). This information will not be seen by the members of the scoring committee.

**CALIFORNIA AGRICULTURAL TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION**

**TEACHER OF EXCELLENCE SUMMARY SHEET**

(NON-SCORING SECTION: Information from this sheet may be used for introductory purposes for Teacher of Excellence recipients. Only this page may be used for summary.)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

REGION: \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTH PLACE: \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ WHERE YOU MET HER/HIM: \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN'S NAMES & AGES: \_\_\_\_\_

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DEGREE(S) OBTAINED	SCHOOL(S)	DATES
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MILITARY SERVICE, IF ANY	DATES
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ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (i.e. FARMING, OTHER OCCUPATIONS):

COMMENTS (TEACHING PHILOSOPHY, HOBBIES, ETC.):

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(Only Page 2 and Page 3 can be used for responses – NO additional pages.)

I. **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:** Describe and/or list your participation in local teacher organization activities and CATA activities:

II. **STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS:** List the accomplishments of your students:

III. **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:** Describe your involvement in civic, community, and farm organizations:

IV. **INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM:** Describe your program, outstanding features and/or major strengths of your instructional program (may include new or innovative instructional techniques, activities, programs, developed, etc.):

V. **OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:** Briefly describe any other information which you feel qualifies you as a Teacher of Excellence: