



# ***Agriscience Educator Of the Year Award***

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## **Purpose:**

- To recognize agriscience educators' efforts to teach agriculture and natural resources concepts to prepare youth for careers. Non-agriscience teachers are not eligible.
- To strengthen relationships between agriscience educators and the county Farm Bureau.
- To promote Farm Bureau.



Please send the original form to  
Michigan Farm Bureau by **February 15, 2010**

***Sponsored by:  
The Michigan Farm Bureau  
Promotion and Education Committee***

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## Nomination Criteria for County Farm Bureau and Michigan Farm Bureau

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**\*Please read carefully**

1. County Farm Bureaus may nominate one educator in your county for the Agriscience Educator of the Year Award. Consider nominating a teacher who has done an outstanding job of the following.
  - Teaching middle to high school student's basic agriculture and natural resources concepts.
  - Developing problem solving skills through analysis of agricultural and natural resources issues and information.
  - Making project/lessons readily adaptable for K-12 classroom educators and/or students.
  - Expanding FFA Chapter membership.
  - Helping students achieve skills and/or leadership excellence through FFA activities.
  - Initiating an activity leading to the development of new FFA Chapters or increasing access to FFA for more students.
2. The size of your educator's class or school is not a factor. An educator from a small school has an equal chance to win as one from a large school.
3. All current and past county winners are eligible. One of the purposes of this program is to recognize educators who show consistent teaching excellence. Continue to nominate educators for the local recognition. State winners are not eligible to win again. We encourage past state applicants that did not win to resubmit their application the following year
4. This award is specifically for agriscience educators – not for Farm Bureau or Extension educators. Nominations for people other than professional educators will not be considered. **State Promotion and Education Committee members and their spouses are not eligible for this award.**
5. This award is for the purpose of recognizing individual effort, so your nomination

should be a particular person, (i.e., John Jones of the Wayside Public School). If you feel strongly that the management support for the individual's efforts has been an important factor, we will provide a certificate for the school's principal and/or superintendent to show your appreciation for their support.

6. Support materials, such as clippings or lessons must **be limited to two pages (front and back equals one page)** that are able to be photocopied. No FAX/E-mail/CD's accepted. Please complete the form as accurately as possible. **The teacher support section is very important.**
7. **The nomination form must be submitted to the Michigan Farm Bureau Promotion and Education Department by February 15, 2010.**
8. The winner will be honored at the Michigan Farm Bureau State Annual Meeting, November 30 – December 3, 2010 **(more specifics as to the date and time will be available later.)**
9. An electronic copy of this application can be found a [www.miagclassroom.org](http://www.miagclassroom.org).

*Note:* **Do not confuse this award with the Distinguished Service to Agriculture or the Communicator of the Year award. This is an entirely different program for educators only.**

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Applicant Entry No. \_\_\_\_\_

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

**2010 MICHIGAN FARM BUREAU**  
**AGRISCIENCE EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD**  
**NOMINATION FORM**

(MUST BE TYPED)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Years as a Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Students Yearly: \_\_\_\_\_

Grades Taught: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of FFA Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM AS COMPLETE AS POSSIBLE. YOU MAY ATTACH EXAMPLES NO MORE THAN TWO PAGES (FRONT AND BACK EQUALS ONE PAGE) AS NEEDED.**

**\*MUST BE TYPED – INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

## **Points**

(10) 1. What makes the educator qualified for this award?

**Describe how the nominee met the award criteria in their classroom. If you wish, the nominee may fill out the following four questions. (Personal interview strongly suggested).**

(10) 2. What methods were used to teach middle and high school students basic agriculture and natural resources concepts? (Bullets/list)

(10) 3. How did students develop critical thinking skills through the use of agricultural and natural resources issues and/or information?

(10) 4. How has the teacher made projects and/or lessons readily available for K-12 classroom educators and/or students?

(10) 5. How did the teacher expand FFA chapter membership and by what amount over the last five years?

(10) 6. How did the teacher help students achieve skills and/or leadership excellence through FFA activities?

(10) 7. What did the teacher do to promote awareness of agriculture and agriculture related careers to potential students?

(0 points – but will be used in a close decision)

8. Additional Comments: (Parental feedback or County Farm Bureau personnel)

**Teacher Support Section**

**This section may be completed by the teacher.**

- (30) 9. Please attach an activity or lesson that was effective in preparing students for careers.

Nominated by: _____ County Farm Bureau
Address: _____
Phone: _____ Fax: _____

- You may attach up to **no more than two pages** of supporting materials, (which can be photocopied) to this application.

**Please return the completed form no later than February 15, 2010 to:**

**Michigan Farm Bureau  
Promotion and Education Department  
P.O. Box 30960  
7373 W. Saginaw Hwy.  
Lansing, MI 48909**