

MICHIGAN FARM BUREAU

Educator of The Year Award

2011



Purpose:

- To recognize educators' efforts to incorporate agriculture into the school curriculum .
- To strengthen relationships between educators and the county Farm Bureau.
- To promote Farm Bureau.



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Michigan Farm Bureau by **February 15, 2011**

Sponsored by:
The Michigan Farm Bureau
Promotion and Education Committee

EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Nomination Criteria for County Farm Bureau and Michigan Farm Bureau

*Please read carefully

1. County Farm Bureaus may nominate one private or public school K-12 school educator in your county for the K-12 Educator of the Year Award. Consider nominating a classroom teacher who has done an outstanding job of the following.
 - Integrating basic agricultural concepts into the general curriculum while meeting school curriculum objectives.
 - Developing problem solving skills through analysis of agricultural issues and information.
 - Making project/lessons readily adaptable for other educators.
 - Using creative teaching techniques or methods.
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 public or private classroom 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 winner will be honored at the Michigan Farm Bureau State Annual Meeting, November 29 – December 2, 2011 **(more specifics as to the date and time will be available later.)**
8. An electronic copy of this application can be found at 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. PLEASE NOTE: The Agriscience and K-12 Educator awards have been combined to one award.

Applicant Entry Number _____

Date Received _____

**2011 MICHIGAN FARM BUREAU
EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR
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: _____

County: _____

Nominator's Name: _____

Nominator's Telephone Number: _____

Title: _____

**YOU MAY ATTACH EXAMPLES, UP TO 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? (Can be filled out by Principal, Farm Bureau Personnel or Technical Staff)

Describe how the nominee met the award criteria in their classroom. Nominee may fill out the following four questions. (Personal interview strongly suggested)

- (10) 2. What **teaching strategies or activities** were used to teach agriculture?

- (10) 3. How has the **teacher** integrated agricultural concepts, facts, and/or issues into their **curriculum** (Math, Science, Social Studies, English?)

- (10) 4. What problem **solving skills** did **students** develop through the use of agricultural issues and/or information? (Give specific example – must be different than #3.)

(10) 5. How and where did the teacher make agricultural projects/lessons **available or adapted to other educators?** (Bullets/list)

(0) 6. Additional Comments: (Parental feedback or County Farm Bureau personnel will be used in a close decision)

Teacher support section. This section may be completed by the teacher.

(50) 7. Please attach one original (created by teacher) activity or lesson that was effective in teaching students about agriculture and or natural resources. Please be specific – include worksheets and/or photos.

Please return the completed form postmarked by February 15, 2011 to:

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Promotion and Education Department
P.O. Box 30960
7373 W. Saginaw Highway
Lansing, MI 48909-8460**