

AGRISCIENCE TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

PURPOSE:

This program distinguishes CATA members who emphasize science concepts, principles and applications in their curricula. The award recognizes leadership in agriscience, civic, community, agriculture/agribusiness and professional activities. Outstanding agriscience educators are innovators and catalysts for student success in agriscience education.

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 agriscience education program (including how students apply scientific knowledge in their agricultural activities and the agriscience 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 agriscience program. (10%)
 3. **Instruction** – examples (relating specifically to agriscience) 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 agriscience work-based learning such as supervised agricultural experience programs, cooperative education, and internships. (10%)
 5. **Student Organizations** – examples of your students’ participation and successes specifically related to agriscience 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 science and math teachers, community leaders including agriscience industry, volunteers, and others who have the capacity to support your agriscience program. (10%)
 7. **Marketing** – examples of how you market (or promote) your local agriscience program to groups such as prospective students, parents, school administrators, and community leaders. Specifically address how emphasizing science stimulated additional support for your program. (10%)

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8. **Professional Growth** – examples of how you stay professionally prepared and up-to-date in teaching techniques and technical content as it relates to agriscience including information regarding your participation in professional organizations such as National Science Teachers Association (NSTA), NAAE, and programs facilitated by NAAE including Communities of Practice. (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 photographs (must be submitted electronically or on a USB flash drive) for presentation purposes at the CATA awards banquet along with their application information. This 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 _____