

2012 Outstanding Teacher Award



Ag in the Classroom
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The Louisiana Farm Bureau's Ag in the Classroom Program is recognizing a Louisiana teacher for their achievements and efforts in teaching students the importance of agriculture.

Who is eligible?

- Teachers integrating agricultural concepts into non-agricultural curricula.
- Certified teachers currently engaged in classroom instruction at the Pre-K through 12 level.

What will the winner receive?

- A trip to the National Agriculture in the Classroom Conference, June 19-22 in Loveland, Colorado (Up to \$1,200)
- A trip to the Louisiana Farm Bureau Convention, June 28-30 at the New Orleans Marriott
- \$500 cash award

What is the criteria for selection?

Teachers must utilize agricultural information and/or materials within the classroom curriculum in an effort to assist students in learning the importance of agriculture. Learning activities may include but are not limited to, understanding agriculture's impact on personal lives, the environment and the economy. Innovative and interdisciplinary programs are encouraged.

EVALUATION CRITERIA*

VALUE

A. Creativity and Utilization of Agricultural Information The degree to which sound agricultural concepts have been infused into the classroom curriculum. Reference should be made to the creative methods utilized in advancing student learning.	25 points
B. Interdisciplinary Approach The degree to which agricultural concepts have been included in a variety of subjects and disciplines. Value will be placed on the approach that teaches agriculture across the curriculum.	25 points
C. Advancement of Educational Standards The degree to which the nominee aligns agricultural learning activities with state education standards.	25 points
D. Student Impact Evidence of teacher's impact on student attitudes and overall learning.	25 points

**A panel of judges familiar with agriculture, education, and Agriculture in the Classroom will evaluate all nominations. Teacher's name and parish will be removed from the application for judging.*

How can applications be submitted?

Applications must be received by **March 10, 2012** at the address below if being mailed in.

Confirmation emails will be sent upon receipt of all applications. This is a firm deadline and there are no exceptions.

Mail applications to:
Lynda Danos, AITC Coordinator
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What must be included with the application?

1. A completed nomination outline.
2. Program description statements. (See statements below)
3. Written permission to use submitted materials at future AITC functions, on the AITC website or other appropriate public forums.
4. Any additional supporting information deemed essential to clarifying a nomination may be included in an appendix. The appendix should not be used, however to provide additional program descriptions, but only supporting information such as pictures or student generated projects.

Program Description

Please keep descriptions brief and concise. Any supporting material may be included in an appendix.

1. Describe the unique and innovative approaches to advancing agricultural literacy in the classroom.
2. Submit a detailed lesson plan unit that includes objectives, activities, assessment and correlation to Louisiana Standards. It is recommended, but not required, that the lesson plan unit follow the Louisiana Department of Education Making Connections Lesson Plan format.
3. Explain how these activities helped students better understand American agriculture's impact.

I certify that the information submitted with this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Applicant's signature grants permission to the Louisiana Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom, Inc. and the Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation to use these submitted materials. These materials may be used at future Ag in the Classroom functions or appropriate public forums, to publicize in whatever manner, including, but not limited to, the Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation website.

Applicant's Signature

Date

NOMINATION OUTLINE

Name	Phone
Home Address	
City	State Zip
School Name	Phone
School Address	
City	State Zip
Email	Grade Level
Subject(s) Taught	
Number of years teaching experience	Number of years at current school

EDUCATION

INSTITUTION	YEAR	DEGREE/CERTIFICATION

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

POSITION	SCHOOL/ORGANIZATION	DATES

LIST ANY AWARDS AND/OR HONORS RELATED TO TEACHING
