

## **Arkansas Ag-in-the-Classroom Outstanding Teacher Award**

The Arkansas Farm Bureau's Ag-in-the-Classroom program will honor an Arkansas teacher that integrates the concepts of agriculture into non-agricultural curricula. Agriculture is an important part of everyone's life, and is the largest industry in Arkansas. The concepts and issues of agriculture can support the teaching of many academic disciplines. This award was created to recognize and honor an educator in Arkansas for efforts and achievements in teaching students the importance of agriculture.

### ***Who is eligible?***

Any certified teacher currently engaged in classroom instruction at the Pre-K through 12 levels who is integrating agricultural concepts into non-agricultural curricula is encouraged to apply. **Prior winners of this award are ineligible for future awards under this program.**

### ***What are 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 while also mastering required educational standards. Learning activities may include, but are not limited to, understanding agriculture's impact on personal lives, the environment, the economy, our national heritage, and national security. Innovative and interdisciplinary programs are encouraged.

### ***Award:***

The teacher selected will receive a \$1000 stipend as well as a scholarship to attend the 2017 National Agriculture in the Classroom Conference to be held in Kansas City, Missouri, June 20-23. The scholarship will cover the teacher's full registration, lodging, travel, and meals.

### ***Application Process:***

Self-nominations as well as nominations from school faculty, community leaders, or parents are invited. Applications must be submitted by certified mail postmarked no later than **March 17, 2017** to the address listed below:

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## Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

School Name \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_ Subjects Taught \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years teaching experience \_\_\_\_\_ Number of years at current school \_\_\_\_\_

### Education

INSTITUTION	YEAR	DEGREE/CERTIFICATION
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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### Professional Experience

POSITION	SCHOOL/ORGANIZATION	DATES
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## **Awards and Honors Related to Teaching**

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I certify that the information submitted with this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Applicant's signature further expressly grants permission to the Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation to use these submitted materials at future Ag-in-the-Classroom functions or other appropriate public forums, to publicize in whatever manner, including but not limited to the Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation website.

**Applicant's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Essay* (2-4 pages total, 12 point font, double spaced)

**Provide a written response to prompts A and B.**

- A. Describe how you have incorporated agriculture into your classroom.
- B. How did the activities/lessons/projects described above increase students' understanding of both agriculture and required content.

*Lesson Plan* (please limit to 4 pages)

**Submit one lesson plan which supports your essay and demonstrates your incorporation of agriculture into your classroom.**

### *Optional Materials*

You may choose to include:

- A. A letter of recommendation from an administrator, colleague, parent or classroom volunteer
- B. Samples and/or pictures of student work
- C. News coverage or other recognition