# AWARD CRITERIA & NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS

## Purpose

The Western Region AAAE recognizes annually an individual who has made outstanding contributions over the years to agricultural education. The purpose of the award is to recognize and encourage superior contribution in agricultural education.

## Eligibility

* The award is open to AAAE members associated with the Western Region. Texas and Oklahoma AAAE members may be nominated for Western Region awards if they attend meetings regularly and do not apply for the same award in the Southern Region.
* The nominee been an agricultural educator at least three full years prior to the award date.
* The nominee has not received this award in the Western Region during the previous five years.
* The nominee is the only individual nominated from their department this year.
* The nominee must be an active member of the AAAE who has maintained reasonably continuous membership in the association.
* The nominee should have at least five years of experience teaching in higher education.

## Nomination and Selection Procedures

1. Nominations may be made by a colleague of the nominee. Self-nominations are also acceptable.
2. Nominations must be saved as one PDF document and electronically submitted to the AAAE Award Submission Site (<http://www.agedweb.org/AAAE/awards/>).
3. Past recipients or regional officers will review applications and select the award recipient(s).

## Criteria for Selection

The basis of the award will be:

* 1. excellence in teaching undergraduates, graduate students or both;
	2. significant research in the field of agricultural education and related areas;
	3. scholarly writing pertaining to education; and
	4. service to agricultural education and related areas.

Evidence relating to the following shall accompany each nomination.

1. Excellence in teaching: ‑‑preservice and in-service ‑‑undergraduate, graduate, or non‑credit courses or programs. Knowledge of field, methodology, and achievement.
2. Significant research ‑‑completed or directed.
3. Leadership and administrative activities related to agriculture education
4. Exemplary service to agricultural education organizations at the community, regional, and national levels‑

## Nomination Materials

Nomination packets must include and shall be limited to:

* Cover sheet.
* Nomination letter (limited to 3 single spaced typewritten pages).
* Statement of agricultural education philosophy, limited to three pages total
* Evidence of excellence in agricultural education (Items 1-4 above), five pages total
* Nominee’s curriculum vitae (limited to five pages).

## Score Sheet

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| Criteria | 4Excellent | 3Above Average | 2Average | 1Below Average |
| Excellence in teaching undergraduates, graduate students or both |  |  |  |  |
| Scholarly writing pertaining to education |  |  |  |  |
| Service to agricultural education and related areas |  |  |  |  |
| Significant research in the field of agricultural education and related areas |  |  |  |  |
| TOTAL |  |  |  |  |

# COVER SHEET

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| Name of Nominee: |  |
| Institution: |  |
| Title: |  |
| Professional Employment Record: |
| Degrees Held: |
| Nomination Submitted by: |  |
| Contact information for nominator:  |  |

**Nomination materials** (cover sheet, nomination letter, and the nominee’s curriculum vitae) **should be saved as one PDF document and electronically submitted to the AAAE Award Submission Site (**[**http://www.agedweb.org/AAAE/awards/**](http://www.agedweb.org/AAAE/awards/)**) no later than July 15th.**

Please feel free to contact Erica Irlbeck (erica.irlbeck@ttu.edu) with any questions or concerns.

NOTE: The following pages may be used as section dividers.

# Nomination Letter

Statement of agricultural education philosophy

Evidence of excellence in agricultural education

# Five Page Curriculum Vitae