



2017

Teacher of the Year Award Information Page

Submission Deadline: November 6, 2016

Please note that the following application is particularly detailed as it is based on the application for the National Agriculture in the Classroom Organization's annual Excellence in Teaching about Agriculture National Award Program. This allows us to quickly submit the winning applications for consideration on the national level. If selected, you will be requested to provide a detailed lesson plan. Additional supplemental information and explanations from the national award program may be found at <http://www.agclassroom.org/teacher/award.htm>.

Please be sure to include:

1. A completed and signed **application**
2. A **letter of support** from your principal, colleague or parent of a student
3. A **narrative**: Share your method of integrating and instructing one or more of the following national agricultural literacy themes in your classroom. How did you use the theme (or themes) to increase agricultural literacy? Please note on the first line of your narrative which theme(s) you are addressing:
 1. Agriculture and the Environment
 2. Plants and Animals for Food, Fiber & Energy
 3. Food, Health, and Lifestyle
 4. Science, Technology, Engineering & Math
 5. Culture, Society, Economy & Geography
4. **Documentation and photos** (two-page limit): Applicants are encouraged to share photos and other documentation of instruction on agricultural literacy. Put as many photos on one page as you wish; use high-resolution photos, and add a brief caption at the bottom of each photo to describe the activity. Save this file as a PDF.
5. **Statement of release**: Complete the provided statement of release for the use of photographs, lesson plans, and other materials by New Hampshire Agriculture in the Classroom for media publications.

New Hampshire Agriculture in the Classroom

Teacher of the Year Awards

PURPOSE: to recognize the exceptional efforts of elementary and secondary teachers who incorporate agricultural concepts in their curriculum.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Certified teachers currently engaged in classroom instruction in the Pre-K through 12 levels
- Teachers must be integrating agricultural concepts into traditionally non-agricultural curricula
- Applications may be submitted by teachers themselves, by a coworker or by an administrator.

REVIEW PROCESS:

Applications will be evaluated by a review committee who will score based on a rubric of 100 possible points. Scores will be averaged for each application.

RUBRIC:

25 points - Creativity and Utilization of Agricultural Information

- The degree to which sound agricultural concepts have been infused into the classroom curriculum.
- References should be made to the creative methods utilized in advancing student learning.

25 points - Interdisciplinary Approach

- The degree to which agricultural concepts have been included in a variety of subjects or topics.
- Value will be placed on the approach which teaches agriculture across the curriculum or subject.

25 points - Student Impact

- Evidence of positive change in behavior, student attitudes and overall learning.

25 Points - Overall Impact, Longevity of the Program

- Evidence of historical and new agricultural concepts introduced. This may include food systems.
- Sustainable living, local agriculture, carbon footprint, community impact, nutrition, and more.

WINNERS:

One elementary and one secondary teacher will be selected as the reward recipients.

They will be recognized at an awards ceremony in the spring of 2016. Details will be announced when available.

Winners' applications will be submitted to the National Agriculture in the Classroom for consideration in their Excellence in Teaching about Agriculture Award program. More information can be found at <http://www.agclassroom.org/teacher/award.htm>

APPLICATION:

Applications must be submitted by the teacher or an outside party no later than midnight of November 6, 2016. They will be reviewed by the New Hampshire Agriculture in the Classroom Board of Directors during the month of November. Winners will be notified by November 30, 2016.

The application package consists of:

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SUBMISSION: *A completed application package must be emailed or postmarked no later than midnight on November 1, 2015.*

Email to: nhaitc@nhfarmbureau.org - OR -

Mail to: New Hampshire Agriculture in the Classroom
295 Sheep Davis Road
Concord, NH 03301



Teacher of the Year Award Application 2017

Which award are you applying for? ___ Pre-K thru 5th grade ___ 6th through 12th grade

Name: _____

Home Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____

School Name: _____

School Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____

Email address: _____

Grade level: _____ Elementary Secondary

Subjects taught: _____

Number of years teaching experience: _____ Number of years at current school: _____

Education:

Institution	Year	Degree/Certification
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Professional Experience:

Position School/Organization Dates Avg. # of students taught per year

Awards and Honors Related to Teaching:

Other Recognition or Honors:

Membership in Professional Organizations:

One-paragraph Biographical Sketch:

*Signature of School Principal: _____ Date: _____

Applicant's Name: _____

*Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Materials & Photo Release

FOR ALL APPLICANTS

I, the undersigned, release all components of this application—including photographs and lesson plans—to The New Hampshire Agriculture in the Classroom Organization (NHAITC) for use on the NHAITC website; to be shared with sponsors; and for use in brochures, media releases, and publicity promoting future recognition of the organization. Photos will also be taken of the winners when the awards are presented. Any lesson plans submitted for the national application may be added online to NHAITC website, with appropriate credit given to the authors.

Applicant's Name (printed): _____

School: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Application checklist:

_____ completed and signed application form

_____ letter of support from your principal, colleague or parent of a student

_____ narrative (4 page maximum) refer to the NH Information Page for details

_____ documentation and photos – refer to the NH Information Page above for details (be sure to include a photo of yourself for publicity purposes)

_____ signed statement of release

On behalf of New Hampshire Agriculture in the Classroom, many thanks for your dedication to teaching about agricultural literacy.