

Distinguished Service Award

Responsible for: MVATA President and Teacher Welfare and Service Awards Committee

Rules and Guidelines:

I. Primary Requirements for Consideration.

1. The teacher must have taught Agriculture Education for 10 years or more.
2. A teacher may receive the award only once.
3. The teacher must meet all professional responsibilities and must be a member in good standing in the MVATA during his/her entire teaching career in Agriculture Education while in Missouri.
4. He/she must have made some professional improvement during the last 5 years (school--workshop).

II. Criteria for Selection

1. A complete program of Agriculture Education in operation including: (1) Leadership, (2) Classroom, and (3) Supervised Agricultural Experience Program.
2. Kind of job being done with facilities, possibilities available and workload of teacher.
3. Be active in district and area teacher's organization.
4. Be active in community life in local community.
5. The above-mentioned points are to be used as a guide. No effort was made to include all factors that might be used in selection of an outstanding teacher.

III. Procedures for Selecting Award Winner

1. Nominating Committee at the District level (committee consisting of the District Chairperson - the representative on the Teacher Welfare and Service Award committee, and at least one representative from each Area – must be a past recipient of the Distinguished Service Award to serve on the nominating committee) prior to November 1st would nominate no more than two candidates for each 10 members who have taught at least 10 years or major fraction of (rounding up) to complete an application. (CALCULATION USED TO DETERMINE NUMBER ELIGIBLE WOULD BE BASED UPON DUES PAYING MEMBERS AS REPORTED BY THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1st) It would be the responsibility of the Committee Chairperson to verify this number and obtain a list of eligible candidates prior to November 1st.
2. Candidates nominated would need to mail the completed application prior to December 15th to the District Distinguished Service Award Committee Chairperson.
3. After December 15th but prior to January 1st, the District Committee Chairperson would copy and mail the applications to all of the teachers in the District who are recipients of the Distinguished Service Award.
4. At the January District Teachers meeting the teachers of the District who are recipients of the Distinguished Service Award would vote on who the candidates would be from their district. Each district may nominate a maximum of one candidate for each 10 members who have taught at least 10 years or major fraction of (rounding up) for the award each year based upon criteria met in item 1. Every district would be allowed to nominate a minimum of one candidate.
5. Following the District Teachers meeting it would be the responsibility of the candidates to mail 6 copies of their application to the State Chairperson of the Teacher Welfare and Service Awards Committee (prior to February 1st).
6. After February 1st, but prior to March 1st the State Chairperson would distribute the candidate's applications to the other five members of the state committee.
7. The Teacher Welfare and Service Awards Committee shall meet at the State FFA Convention to review applications and to make the final selection of the 9 Award Recipients. A maximum of 9 shall be honored in any year (minimum of one per district of eligible candidates).
8. The State Teacher Welfare and Service Awards Committee membership shall be composed of six previous award recipients of the distinguished service award (one representative of each district).