



Maryland Agriculture in the Classroom

2022 Excellence in Teaching About Ag Award

Overview and Application

The purpose of this award is to recognize a Maryland teacher for his/her excellent job in incorporating agriculture into his/her core curriculum. Recognizing that agriculture forms the backbone for our daily lives, MAEF celebrates those teachers who effectively integrate agriculture into their classrooms.

Eligibility: State licensed PK-12 teachers who are currently integrating agricultural concepts into non-vocational, core subject areas (such as language arts, social studies, science, or mathematics). Applicants must be employed at a local public or private school.

Selection Criteria: Teachers must use agricultural information and/or materials in their classroom in order to help students learn the importance of agriculture while also mastering required educational standards. Special consideration will be given to those teachers using Agriculture in the Classroom materials in their classrooms.

Award: The teacher selected for our 2022 award will receive a \$500 classroom stipend as well as a scholarship to attend the 2022 National Agriculture in the Classroom Conference to be held in Saratoga Springs, NY, June 28 - July 1, 2021. The scholarship will cover the teacher's full registration, travel, as well as lodging and meals. The Maryland winner will also be encouraged to apply for the National Agriculture in the Classroom Teacher of the Year Award.

Application Process: Complete the application form, narrative, and lesson plan and mail or email to MAEF.

MAEF/MD Ag in the Classroom

Attn: Excellence Award

PO Box 536

Havre de Grace, MD 21078

Or via email at sbrown@maefonline.com

Application Deadline: Sunday, December 5, 2021



APPLICATION

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name:

Home Address:

Phone: (cell) _____ (other) _____

Email: _____

School: _____

School Address:

Grade(s) Taught: _____

Subject(s): _____

Number of Years Teaching: _____ Number of Years at Current School: _____

Educational Background (Institution / Year / Degree or Certification)

Example: University of Maryland / 1998 / BS Elementary Education



Professional Experience (Position / School or Organization / Dates)

Example: School Garden Chair / Jones Elementary / 2003-present

Awards, Honors, Membership in Professional Organizations

Please include dates, if applicable.

Additional Relevant Information



EDUCATOR NARRATIVE

Provide a written response to prompts A and B. Essay should be between 2- 4 pages total, responding to both prompts. Final document must be 12-point font, double-spaced, with 1-inch margins.

- A. Describe how you have incorporated agriculture into your classroom. Choose one of the themes agricultural literacy themes named below. Please name the theme in your opening sentence.
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
- B. How did the activities/lessons/projects described above increase students' understanding of both agriculture and required content? Please call back to the theme you chose to help explain.

LESSON PLAN

Submit one lesson plan as a separate document (6-page limit) which supports your essay and demonstrates your incorporation of agriculture into your classroom. Please include the following content, according to the order below, in your lesson plan:

- A. Your name
- B. Title of the lesson
- C. Brief purpose of the lesson
- D. Grade level(s) addressed
- E. Time length of lesson
- F. Objective(s) of the lesson
- G. Standard(s) addressed
- H. Materials list
- I. Vocabulary or keywords
- J. Instructor procedure
- K. Additional resources which enhance the lesson (worksheets, PowerPoints, etc)
- L. Assessment (list five essential questions that students should understand and be able to answer after having been taught the lesson)

Lesson plan should not exceed 6 pages.

OPTIONAL SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

You may also choose to include:

- Supporting pictures to illustrate your program of work (they can be of any agricultural activities you have done – not just your attached lesson plan).
- A letter of recommendation from an administrator, parent, or classroom volunteer.
- News coverage, presentation at a related workshop or conference, or other recognition.