Kentucky Farm Bureau
Excellence in Ag Literacy Award
2025 Guidelines & Nomination Form

Kentucky Farm Bureau's "Excellence in Ag Literacy Award" is designed to recognize and reward teachers who excel in their efforts to incorporate agricultural concepts throughout their core academic studies. The winning teacher will be recognized on Thursday, December 4, 2025, during Kentucky Farm Bureau's State Annual Meeting, at the Galt House Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky. Additionally, the state winner will receive $500 and an all-expense paid trip to the National Ag in the Classroom Conference where they will represent Kentucky in the national competition.

Who is eligible?
Eligible nominees are certified pre-kindergarten through 12th grade teachers who are engaged in integrating agricultural concepts into <u>non-agricultural</u> curriculum.

What are the criteria for selection?
A winning teacher must effectively incorporate agricultural concepts and/or materials within the general core curriculum, thus helping students comprehend the value of agriculture as it impacts their personal well-being economically, environmentally, and socially.

EVALUATION CRITERIA*	VALUE
A. Creativity and Utilization of Agricultural Information	**(25 Points)**
The degree to which <u>sound</u> agricultural concepts have been infused into the classroom curriculum. Reference should be made to the creative methods utilized in advancing student learning.	
B. Interdisciplinary Approach	**(25 Points)**
The degree to which agricultural concepts have been included in a variety of subjects and disciplines. Value will be placed on the approach which teaches agriculture across the curriculum.	
C. Advancement of Educational Standards	**(25 Points)**
The degree to which the nominee aligns agricultural learning activities with state and/or national education standards. Did the lessons effectively teach core content?	
D. Student Impact	**(25 Points)**
Evidence of teacher's impact on student attitudes and overall learning.	

*A panel of judges familiar with agriculture, education and AITC will evaluate all nominations.

How can a nomination be submitted?
Self-nominations, as well as nominations from school faculty, community leaders, or parents are encouraged. Forms can be downloaded at kyfb.com. Applications must be received by ***October 10 2025,*** at the address below. This is a firm deadline there are no exceptions.

<u>Mail nominations to:</u>
Scott Christmas, KFB Director
Women and Ag Education
9201 Bunsen Parkway
Louisville, Kentucky 40220

Nomination Guidelines

1. Complete the nomination form (copy attached).

2. Provide a narrative response to the following three items (A, B, & C) listed below. When writing the narrative, please consider the evaluation criteria. Please limit your total response to no more than three pages.

   A. Describe the unique and innovative approaches to advancing agricultural literacy in the classroom.

   B. Identify the teaching methods employed (i.e. experiential, case study, etc.). Specify agricultural concepts taught and which academic areas of study were utilized. What was the depth and duration of the activity? Explain how these learning experiences helped advance state and/or national education standards.

   C. Explain how these activities helped students better understand the impact American agriculture has had on personal lives, our national heritage, the environment, national security, and the economy.

3. The following supporting documentation must be included:

   • Endorsement by an Administrator – A letter (signed and dated) by a school administrator substantiating the nominee's excellence in and dedication to the teaching role.

   • Endorsement by a Co-worker – A letter (signed and dated) by a co-worker substantiating the nominee's excellence in and dedication to the teaching role.

4. Supplemental Information:

   • Any additional information deemed essential for the nomination, such as additional letters of support, additional awards/ recognition, etc., may be included.

   • Color photographs or other graphics that demonstrate nominee's Agriculture in the Classroom activities may also be included.