

## **Governor Fallin's Outstanding Public Service in Agriculture Award**



### **Purpose**

Governor Fallin's Outstanding Public Service in Agriculture Award honors individuals who have made outstanding contributions of public service to Oklahoma agriculture. This award is given to those who work diligently to improve public perceptions of agriculture in Oklahoma. The recipient should be a person who has given unselfishly of his/her time and talents to the advancement and betterment of the Oklahoma agricultural industry.

### **Eligibility**

Eligibility is open to any Oklahoman who has advanced agriculture through public service, leadership, or significant contributions to Oklahoma agriculture. These contributions should enhance agriculture and the quality of rural life in Oklahoma and may be in a wide variety of areas that have the potential of contributing to the public appreciation of agriculture- including mass media, education, legislation, entertainment or training programs. The recipient of this award should possess the highest standards of integrity and character.

Posthumous nominations **ARE** eligible to receive this award.

### **Award Process**

Governor Fallin's Selection Committee, by their own process, shall select one Oklahoman who best represents the criteria established for the award. Governor Fallin's Selection Committee will be chaired by Secretary of Agriculture Jim Reese and shall include presidents of selected agricultural commodity organizations. The Committee shall also include representatives from agricultural/rural media and farm/ranch organizations.

### **Recognition**

Governor Mary Fallin and Secretary of Agriculture Jim Reese will honor the winner of Governor Fallin's Outstanding Public Service in Agriculture Award on Oklahoma Ag Day, at the State Capitol. The winner of this prestigious award will receive a commemorative plaque at the ceremony. The award winner will be notified in a timely manner prior to the ceremony.

### **Selection Criteria**

Selection will be based on the completed and signed application form, narrative describing nominee's outstanding public service efforts, narrative describing nominee's agricultural leadership involvement, and up to three letters of support, all formatted according to the guidelines provided.

## Formatting Guidelines and Information for Application

All written components (except letters of support) should be typed using a 12-point font, double-spaced with one-inch margins.

Each applicant should clearly label the parts of the application in the top left corner of each page using the nominee's name, section of application, and page number. Example:

John Doe, Public Service Narrative, Page 1 of 4

John Doe, Leadership Narrative, Page 1 of 2

Submit 10 copies of the application. Each copy of the application should be bound together with a heavy-duty staple or binder clip. No presentation binders should be used.

Complete the application form included in this document. Applications should contain all requested information and appropriate signatures.

Please read the entire application thoroughly and ask questions well before the submission deadline. Jason Harvey can be reached at (405) 606-1477 to answer questions.

## Evaluation Criteria

The judges will evaluate each application using this rubric:

Judging Criteria	Points
<b>Outstanding Public Service in Agriculture Narrative (4 page limit):</b> The nominations may cover one or a combination of the following activities: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <u>Contributions to Agriculture</u>—Describe the nominee's direct and substantial contributions to agriculture through public service.</li><li>2. <u>Time and Talents</u>—Detail the amount of time the nominee spends promoting Oklahoma agriculture and the talents they possess to help them achieve this task.</li><li>3. <u>Public Awareness</u>—Share the nominee's efforts to publicize and build more awareness for excellence in agriculture and to establish role models for the agriculture industry through mass media, education, legislation, entertainment or training programs</li><li>4. <u>Innovations or Discoveries</u>—Share how the nominee has increased the public's understanding of agriculture through scientific discovery, innovation, technology, or communication.</li></ol>	<b>50</b>
<b>Agricultural Leadership Narrative (2 page limit):</b> Describe any involvement with local/state/national boards, committees, and organizations involving community, leadership, agriculture, and conservation. Include any awards or honors that the nominee has received from these organizations.	<b>30</b>
<b>Up to three (3) Letters of Support (2 page limit each):</b> The typed letters should detail the author's involvement with the nominee and his or her knowledge of the nominee's efforts.	<b>15</b>
<b>Format of Application:</b> All written components are typed, double-spaced with one-inch margins. Each application is clearly labeled using the nominee's name, section of application, and page number.	<b>5</b>

## Checklist:

Review this checklist before submitting your application to ensure that it is complete:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Application Form
- \_\_\_\_\_ Public Service in Agriculture Narrative (4 page limit, w/page labels)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Agricultural Leadership Narrative (2 page limit, with page limits)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Up to three (3) letters of support (2 page limit each)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ten (10) copies of the application

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### **Components of the Application**



**A. Application form:** Completed and signed

**B. Outstanding Public Service in Agriculture Narrative (4 page limit):**

Describe the nominee's public service efforts. The following public service efforts will be considered when judging the nominations. The nominations may cover one or a combination of the following activities:

1. Contributions to Agriculture—Describe the nominee's direct and substantial contributions to agriculture through public service.

2. Time and Talents—Detail the amount of time the nominee spends promoting Oklahoma agriculture and the talents they possess to help them achieve this task.

3. Public Awareness—Share the nominee's efforts to publicize and build more awareness for excellence in agriculture and to establish role models for the agriculture industry through mass media, education, legislation, entertainment or training programs

4. Innovations or Discoveries—Share how the nominee has increased the public's understanding of agriculture through scientific discovery, innovation, technology, or communication.

**C. Agricultural Leadership Narrative (2 page limit):** Describe any involvement with local/state/national boards, committees, and organizations involving community, leadership, agriculture, and conservation. Include any awards or honors that the nominee has received from these organizations.

**D. Up to three (3) letters of support:** These letters may be from local government officials, other producers, technical consultants, association representatives or others with firsthand knowledge of the nominee's agricultural public service efforts. The typed letters should detail the author's involvement with the nominee and his or her knowledge of their efforts. Letters should not exceed two (2) pages each and must accompany the application. Letters sent separately will not be considered. Letters do not need to follow the formatting guidelines of the application.

### **Deadline for Submitting Application**

Application can be mailed or hand delivered to Jason Harvey, Oklahoma Department of Agriculture. He must receive the application by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 10, 2017.

### **Where to Submit Application**

Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry

Attn: Jason Harvey, Market Development

Physical Address: 2800 N Lincoln Blvd  
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Mailing Address: PO Box 528804  
Oklahoma City, OK 73152

**Governor Fallin's Outstanding Public Service in Agriculture Award  
APPLICATION FORM**



I would like to nominate the following Oklahoman for consideration for Governor Fallin's Outstanding Public Service in Agriculture Award.

**Information about the Nominee**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

How many years was nominee involved in promoting agriculture \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Names \_\_\_\_\_

Grandchildren's Names \_\_\_\_\_

*If the nomination is posthumous, please discern family support for your recommendation:*

What family member of the recommended honoree was contacted? \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to the nominee? \_\_\_\_\_ Do they agree with this nomination? Y or N

How many years has the nominee been deceased? \_\_\_\_\_

**Information about the Nominator**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Jason Harvey, at the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, must receive the application by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 10, 2017.

Your application will not be returned and becomes the property of the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture. If your nominee is selected to receive the award, the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture reserves the right to reproduce information/photos/other content in promotional materials and on the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture website and social media pages. By submitting materials that contain images of students or other individuals, you assume complete responsibility for obtaining appropriate release consent forms and permission to transfer these materials to the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture. By signing, I attest that I have read and understand the guidelines for this award and agree to comply as specified herein. I also attest that the information provided is true and factual to the best of my knowledge and that the individual being nominated is aware of his/her nomination and agrees to it.

Nominators Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_