

## 2023 TEACHER of the YEAR AWARD

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**PFB Ag Promotion Committee**

The 28<sup>th</sup> annual Ag Institute Teacher of the Year Award is sponsored by the PFB Ag Promotion Committee. The purpose of this award is to recognize teachers who are doing an excellent job of teaching their class about agriculture and integrating agricultural concepts into the existing curriculum.

Pennsylvania Farm Bureau and its board of directors know the difficulties faced by today's farmers are caused by regulators, legislators and a public who do not understand the business of producing food and fiber. They applaud you for your participation in the Educator's Ag Institute and are highly interested in learning how you have incorporated what you learned into your classroom curriculum and activities.

In order for agriculture to remain a viable industry, it is important for the public to understand the crucial role that it plays in our history, economy, and quality of life. When the next generation of farmers takes over we hope the public will be better informed about agricultural issues. This education must begin with today's youth. It is for this reason that the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau would like to recognize a schoolteacher who is doing an outstanding job of educating tomorrow's citizens about this nation's number one industry.

The application must be postmarked by Oct. 1 the Teacher of the Year will receive a voucher for instructional materials targeted to his or her grade level to be redeemed by Oct. 1, 2023 plus a cash award. *The Winner will be recognized at the PFB Annual Meeting in November and at the 2024 Educator's Ag Institute.* The winner will be reimbursed up to \$1,000 towards registration, meals and lodging at the 2024 National AITC Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah.

### Rules

1. Applicant must be a full-time teacher in grades K-12 and a graduate of the Educator's Ag Institute Workshop. Previous winners are ineligible to apply.
2. When completing the application, you may use additional pages if needed. Include any supplemental materials, such as pictures, students' work, newspaper articles, etc. that support your application.
3. The completed applications and supporting material must be postmarked by October 1. Items should be mailed to the following:  

**Pennsylvania Farm Bureau  
Teacher of the Year Award  
Attn: Charlene Espenshade  
PO Box 8736  
Camp Hill, PA 17001-8736**
4. The winner will receive materials that teach about agriculture, targeted to their grade level, plus cash award as follows:
  - Prize - \$250 cash and \$250 worth of materials to be selected by the teacher, paid by the PFB Ag Promotion Committee. The winner will be reimbursed up to \$1,000 towards registration, meals and lodging at the 2024 National AITC Conference Salt Lake City, Utah. After receipts are submitted, this will be paid for by the Ag Promo Committee of the PA Farm Bureau.
5. The Winner will be honored in June at the 2024 Educator's Ag Institute. They will also be invited to speak at the 2024 Educator's Ag Institute. The recipient will be asked to share his/her methods, ideas and successes teaching about agriculture with those in attendance.
6. Applications will be reviewed by the Ag Promo Committee members. Selection will be based on the following criteria:
  - variety of agricultural concepts taught
  - extent of integration into other subject matter
  - use of creative techniques
  - use of classroom, school, and community resources
7. Selection will take place by October 20; you will be contacted after this date if you are the winner.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade(s) Taught \_\_\_\_\_ #Students in Class \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

*\*May type or hand write. Please feel free to use additional paper to answer any of the questions.*

1. Was agriculture infused into the curriculum throughout the year, or was it taught during a specific time?

2. What agricultural concepts did the students learn and what methods were used to teach them?

*Please include any support material, such as lesson plans, photos, students' work, news articles, etc.*

3. How was agriculture integrated into the existing curriculum?

4. What changes, if any, were noticed in the students' behavior or attitude towards agriculture after learning about it?