



## Agriculture in the Classroom Volunteer of the Year

*Nomination deadline: February 1, 2020*

Indiana Farm Bureau is seeking nominations for the annual Agriculture in the Classroom Volunteer of the Year Award.

The *Volunteer of the Year Award* honors AITC volunteers who have gone above and beyond for the AITC program and provided unique or exemplary work in educating the public about the important role agriculture plays in our everyday lives. This individual consistently demonstrates quality leadership and the ability to take initiative.

Classroom educators who have worked in cooperation with an AITC volunteer or county program are also eligible. The educator must be a Farm Bureau member and must have integrated AITC lessons and activities into his/her curriculum that help students learn the importance of agriculture.

Nominations must be submitted by **midnight February 1, 2020**. Completed nomination forms can be submitted via email to [inaitc@infb.org](mailto:inaitc@infb.org). Nominations may also be mailed to: Indiana Farm Bureau: Agriculture in the Classroom P.O. Box 1290, Indianapolis, IN 46206. Nominations received in the mail after February 1 will **not** be considered. Postmark dates will not be accepted.

### **Award Eligibility:**

- 1) Your nominee is a paid Indiana Farm Bureau member.
- 2) Your nominee has been a registered AITC volunteer for at least one year.
- 3) Your nominee is an "active" volunteer. (An active volunteer has a completed Volunteer Registration and Code of Conduct on file with the INFB education coordinator AND has turned in at least one record sheet for 2019).

OR

- 1) Your nominee is a paid Indiana Farm Bureau member.
- 2) Your nominee is a classroom teacher who has reported the number of students and grade level they teach to the INFB education coordinator within the program year.

### **Frequency:**

One *Volunteer of the Year Award* will be presented to the individual who meets the criteria outlined above. Award will be given annually, except when the selection committee deems that there is no suitable recipient or no nominations have been received.

### **Award Presentation:**

The winner will be announced at Indiana Farm Bureau State Convention.

## AITC Volunteer of the Year Award Nomination Form

The *Volunteer of the Year Award* honors an AITC volunteer or a classroom educator who has gone above and beyond for the AITC program in educating the public about the important role agriculture plays in our everyday lives. This individual consistently demonstrates quality leadership and the ability to take initiative.

### Nominator Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

How do you know the nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

INFB District: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Nominee Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

INFB District: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School (if teacher is nominee) \_\_\_\_\_

Grade(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Subject(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Year registered as volunteer: \_\_\_\_\_ Farm Bureau member? \_\_\_\_\_

Number students reached \_\_\_\_\_ Number of activities reported \_\_\_\_\_

### Statement of Nomination

When making your nomination, please provide short statements with examples, describing the volunteer's Agriculture in the Classroom contribution. You may include up to two pages and can include support materials in addition to your statement of nomination (ex. news clippings, biography, photos, etc.) *Please limit submissions to no more than 3 total pages. (Ex. Nomination Form = 1 page; Statement of Nomination = 1 page; 3 photos on one page for support materials = 1 page)*

### Briefly introduce your nominee.

- Include number of years the nominee has been active with AITC program; type of agriculture and/or professional experience, etc.

### Describe one or more activities/programs the nominee has carried out in the past year.

- Include group or audience targeted; number of students reached by his/her efforts; the program/activity's message to the audience, etc.

**Share why you feel this Indiana Agriculture in the Classroom volunteer or classroom teacher has gone above and beyond and has provided unique or exemplary work in educating the public about farming and agriculture.** Be specific. Provide examples.

Narrative should be in paragraph form.