

About the Organization

Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom, also known as KFAC, works to connect classrooms to Kansas agriculture by providing teachers with the resources to help students explore the agricultural world.

KFAC offers teachers summer courses for graduate credit with scholarships available, a yearly Postcard Art contest for children grades K-6, agricultural lesson plans, school assembly programs, and much more.

To find out more about KFAC, visit us online at www.ksagclassroom.org or call (785) 532-7946, toll-free (866) 759-8031.



Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom would like to honor a teacher that demonstrates the wonderful world of agriculture in their own classroom.

Agriculture surrounds every Kansan's life in many different ways. One in five Kansas students will grow up to have a profession in the agriculture industry.

"Connecting Classrooms to Kansas Agriculture"



Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom
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Planting seeds in the
classroom for a bright future?



2012 KFAC
Janet Sims Memorial
Teacher of the Year Award



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Eligibility

Any district certified Kansas teacher currently engaged in integrating agricultural concepts into a **non**-vocational agriculture classroom setting at the K-12 grade levels.

Recognition and Awards

The teacher of the year recipient will be recognized during the March 2012 Ag Day festivities in Topeka, Kansas.

Additionally, he/she will choose between an all-expense paid trip to attend the 2012 National Agriculture in the Classroom Conference in Loveland, Colorado, or a \$250 gift certificate to purchase agriculture education supplies for his/her classroom. These awards are sponsored by the High Plains Journal.

The Kansas Teacher of the Year will have the opportunity to apply for national recognition, which awards \$1,500 towards attending the national conference.

Application Process

Applications must be postmarked by:
November 7, 2011

Complete the application and mail it to:

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Applications can be found online at
www.ksagclassroom.org

2011 Teacher of the Year

Theresa Farris, Service Valley Charter Academy kindergarten teacher, was named the Foundation's 2011 Janet Sims Memorial Teacher of the Year. She was also named a recipient of the USDA and Agriculture in the Classroom Consortium "Excellence in Teaching About Agriculture" during the 2011 National Agriculture in the Classroom conference in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.



Theresa Farris

Farris keeps her students busy with many projects, especially hands-on learning activities. Her students take care of the school's chickens, plant a garden on school grounds, and learn about monarch butterfly conservation. "My lessons have agriculture integrated through the core subjects and are revisited and built upon throughout the school year on an ongoing basis," says Farris.

In addition to these projects, Farris employs several strategies to teach agriculture, including an inquiry-based learning approach. Farris' students conduct research that is driven by student questions that arise while learning a topic. "One of our trips to the chicken coop brought with it a discussion about the fact that our chickens lay brown eggs. One student made the comment that white eggs were better than brown eggs, so we created a case study to determine if we could taste the difference," she adds.



A panel of judges will evaluate each applicant's application and narrative answers using the following categories:

25% Creativity and Utilization of Agricultural Information

25% Interdisciplinary Approach

25% Advancement of Educational Standards

25% Student Impact