

**Kansas Foundation for
Agriculture in the Classroom
2012 Janet Sims Memorial Teacher of the Year Award**



Applications must be postmarked by November 7, 2011 and mailed to:

Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom
College of Education - KSU
124 Bluemont Hall
1100 Mid-Campus Drive
Manhattan, KS 66506

I. Eligibility

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

II. Evaluation Criteria

- 25% Creativity and Utilization of Agricultural Information
- 25% Interdisciplinary Approach
- 25% Advancement of Educational Standards
- 25% Student Impact

II. Applicant Information

Name _____

School Name _____

School Address _____

Home Address _____

Home Phone _____ School Phone _____

Email Address _____ USD # _____

of Years Teaching _____ Grade Level(s) _____

Subjects Taught _____

IV. Narrative Responses

Please use separate pages to provide narrative responses to items 1-5 listed below. The narrative portion is limited to two pages for each item. Responses should be printed single-sided, using a font no smaller than 12-point and be double-spaced. All margins must be at least one inch.

- 1.** Describe the unique and innovative approaches to advancing agricultural literacy in the classroom.
- 2.** Identify the teaching methods employed (i.e. experiential, case study, etc.). Specify agricultural concepts taught and which academic areas of student were utilized. What was the depth and duration of the activity? Explain how these learning experiences helped advance state and/or national education standards.
- 3.** Explain how these activities helped students better understand the impact American agriculture has had on personal lives, our national heritage, the environment, the national security, and the economy.
- 4.** Describe any involvement or contact with the Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom, Foundation resources used, etc.
- 5.** General Comments (Examples: Have you or one of your students been touched in a special way while studying agriculture? How has your school or community responded to the agriculture-related learning activities?)

V. Letters of Recommendation

Letters of recommendation should help describe your ability to promote agricultural literacy and your role in applying agricultural education in your current curriculum. Letters are required from the following individuals:

Endorsement by an Administrator: The degree to which a letter (signed and dated) by a school administrator substantiates the nominee's excellence in and dedication to the teaching role.

Endorsement by a Co-worker: The degree to which a letter (signed and dated) by a co-worker substantiates the nominee's excellence in and dedication to the teaching role.

VI. Photos

On a CD or flash drive, please submit **five** color photographs that demonstrate your agriculture in the classroom activities. NOTE: video footage will not be accepted.

VII. Acknowledgement of Application Submission

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Please note that if you are selected as KFAC's 2012 Janet Sims Memorial Teacher of the Year, your application information, narrative responses, letters of recommendation, and photos may be used to nominate you for the National Agriculture in the Classroom's "Excellence in Teaching About Agriculture" award program. More information about the award program can be found at www.agclassroom.org/teacher/award.htm