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## **NAAE Ideas Unlimited Award Application**

The Ideas Unlimited award opens the doors to a world of boundless classrooms and limitless learning opportunities for active members at every age and in every stage of their careers. NAAE members have the opportunity to exchange classroom, experiential learning, leadership, and other teaching ideas. The idea may be original or drawn from collective inspiration. Applicants are invited to showcase its implementation and how the idea can enhance agricultural education through this award category.

### **Who can apply?**

All active NAAE members, except current members of the NAAE board of directors, who are teaching agricultural education are eligible to enter this competition. In addition, each applicant must have been a NAAE member the three (3) previous years or continuously since he/she began teaching. There are no restrictions limiting the number of times an individual can win the regional contest.

### **Awards and Recognition**

Each state winner will receive a certificate at the annual meeting of the state agricultural education association. NAAE will recognize six national winners, one from each region. All state winners will compete within their respective NAAE region for the regional award. Each regional winner will receive: (1) an award trophy/plaque; (2) complimentary registration for the winner; and (3) a \$400 travel stipend to travel to attend the 2026 NAAE Convention (travel stipend can only be used to attend the 2026 NAAE Convention.) **\*Travel stipend will not be awarded to individuals who have already received their travel expenses paid for by NAAE to the 2026 NAAE Convention.** Spouses/guests/co-teachers are welcome to attend the convention with the award winner; however, travel costs and registration fees for spouses/guests/co-teachers will not be covered by NAAE.

Ideas Unlimited regional winners will also be asked to present a thirty-minute professional development workshop on their award-winning idea while attending NAAE Convention.

**The deadline for submitting state winning applications to the national NAAE office is May 15, 2026.**

**All applications must be submitted through the NAAE Online Application system.  
No printed or emailed applications will be accepted.**

## 2026 Application

### Award Application Instructions:

Applicants must complete the online submission of this award by May 15th through their MyNAAE account. All required components must be included, and membership requirements and eligibility must be met to be eligible to apply.

#### Required Components of the Application:

1. **Applicant Information** – the first portion of the application must be the completed online through the MyNAAE portal on the NAAE website. Applicants must log-in and provide updated applicant information.
2. **Narrative** – the narrative is limited to three 8 1/2" x 11" pages. The narrative must be typewritten and uploaded to the online application form. Use a font no smaller than 12 points. Multiple text formats are acceptable, including paragraphs, lists, and tables. **The items listed below should be saved as electronic files and uploaded to the online application form. Printed copies of the items below will not be accepted. Supported file types include .pdf, .doc, .txt, .jpg, .png, .gif, .tif, or .bmp.**

The narrative must follow the outline specified as follows:

  - a. **Overview** – brief description of idea and how it meets student objectives as part of the class curriculum. (10%)
  - b. **Practicality of Idea** – brief explanation as to the usefulness and feasibility of the idea for other agricultural educators. (10%)
  - c. **Instructional Value** – brief explanation of the student objectives and how the idea meets the needs of developing the integration of academic components which may include math, science, literacy and/or communications in agricultural education. (10%)
  - d. **Reflection** – brief explanation of student feedback and reflection on the idea from the teacher perspective that would be relevant to a teacher who would like to replicate the idea in their own classroom. (10%)
3. **Video Presentation** – the video presentation may be no longer than 10 minutes in length and should explain or demonstrate the idea. The video presentation should be saved in MP4 video format and can be shared through a DropBox link, Google Drive link, or a private YouTube link. The link will be required as part of the online submission process. Be prepared to paste link to one of the acceptable share formats in online application.

**The video should only showcase the teacher.** No classroom footage or students may be included. The video should not be professionally produced and should not include background music or additions that would take from the intent of the video. The overall intent of the video is for the teacher to explain their idea using the required components below in a., b., and c.

  - a. **Overview** – brief explanation of the idea of how it is used in the classroom to meet student objectives. (20%)
  - b. **Materials & Setup** – brief explanation of materials needed and any information to ensure success for the teacher and student. (20%)
  - c. **Reflection** – brief explanation of student feedback and reflection on the idea from the teacher perspective that would be relevant to a teacher who would like to replicate the idea in their own classroom. (20%)
4. **Application Signature Sheet** – the application signature page must be signed by the requested individuals and uploaded to the online application form. The application signature page can be found on page 4 of this document.
5. **Professional Photo or Headshot** – A high resolution photo in .gif, .jpeg, .png, .bmp, .jpg, or .tif form must be uploaded as part of the online submission of your application.

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### **Requested Components of Application:**

1. **Photos of Idea-** High resolution photos in .jpeg, .png, .bmp, .jpg, or .tif form can be submitted as part of the online application.

### **State-level Competition**

When and Where to Submit: Entries must be submitted to the state association by the deadline established by the state association. Each state winner will receive a certificate at the annual meeting of the state agricultural teachers' association.

Evaluation Procedures: Each respective state association will determine the selection process for state winners and may only submit one entry for the judging at regional meetings.

### **National-level Competition**

**What to Submit:** All required components of the application must be submitted online through MyNAAE on the NAAE website by May 15. No printed or emailed applications will be accepted.

State presidents will authenticate state winners using the NAAE State Winners' Validation Form provided to them by NAAE. All state winners must be authenticated by May 15.

**Evaluation Procedures:** The evaluation of applications will be completed virtually. Applications will be judged by NAAE regions on a rotational calendar. A committee appointed by NAAE will judge and select regional winners.

**NOTE:** Regional winners must agree to attend and present Snap Learning spot workshop at the NAAE convention.

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**NAAE Award Application Signature Page**

*Please read below and provide the appropriate signatures. You must submit this electronically to the NAAE Office as part of your application.*

*\*\*Create an electronic version by scanning the document after securing appropriate signatures. PDF format is preferred.*

**Photograph License & Publicity Release**

By submitting and signing this application, the applicant hereby agrees to the following terms and conditions regarding any photographs submitted to NAAE as supporting materials for such application. License – By submitting any photographs to NAAE with this application, applicant hereby grants to NAAE a fully paid, perpetual, irrevocable, royalty free, world-wide non-exclusive license to display, dis-tribute, sublicense, reproduce, modify, adapt, and publish such photographs on NAAE’s website and in any other materials used to promote NAAE.

**Consent & Authorization** – Applicant hereby irrevocably consents and authorizes NAAE, and its successors and assigns, to use any photographs submitted with this application for the purpose of promoting NAAE. Applicant further hereby releases NAAE, and its officers, directors, agents, members, employees, successors, and assigns, from all claims for damages for libel, infringement of the right of publicity, invasion of privacy, portrayal in a false light, or any other claim based on the use of any photographs submitted with this application

**Representations & Warranties** – Applicant hereby represents and warrants that he/she has the power and authority to grant the rights licensed to NAAE in this application and that the use, copying, distributing, displaying, reproducing, modifying, adapting, and sublicensing of any photographs submitted with this application does not result in the infringement of any copyright, trademark, patent, or other intellectual property right of another. Applicant further represents and warrants that he/she has obtained the consent and authorization for the use of any photographs submitted with this application from all persons shown in such photographs or from the guardian of any persons under the age of eighteen (18) shown in such photographs.

**Indemnification** – Applicant hereby indemnifies and holds harmless NAAE, and its officers, directors, agents, members, employees, successors and assigns from any loss, liability, claim or demand, including reasonable attorney’s fees, made by any third party due to or in any way relating to the use of any photographs submitted with this application or any breach of any of the representations and warranties contained in this application.

**If named as the regional winner, I will attend the NAAE Convention. Also, by signing this I agree to the Photograph License & Publicity Release above.**

Signed:

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**Applicant’s Signature**

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**Date**

**If this teacher is selected as the regional winner, he/she will be permitted to attend the NAAE convention.**

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**School (including signature and title)**

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**Date**