



## **NAAE Lifetime Achievement Award Application**

The NAAE Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes retired agricultural educators who have made significant contributions by providing visionary leadership, advocacy and service to our profession. These leaders have spent a career dedicated to students, our profession and growing our organization.

### **Who can apply?**

All retired and retired life NAAE members, except current members of the NAAE board of directors, are eligible to apply. Each applicant must currently be a retired member and have been an active or active life member in the last ten years. Individuals may receive the regional award only once; previous regional winners are not eligible to apply.

### **Awards and Recognition**

Each state winner will receive a sponsored certificate at the annual meeting of the state agricultural educator's association. NAAE will recognize six national winners, one from each NAAE region. All state winners will compete within their respective NAAE region for the regional award. Each regional winner will receive: (1) complimentary registration for the 2026 NAAE Convention in New Orleans, LA, and (2) an engraved plaque. **Travel and hotel will be the responsibility of the award winner or nominating state association.**

**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.

**All items listed below should be saved as electronic files and uploaded to the online application form through MyNAAE. Printed copies of the items below will not be accepted. Supported file types include .pdf, .doc, .txt, .jpg, .png, .gif, .tif, or .bmp.**

2. **Narrative** – the narrative is limited to four 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 narrative must follow the outline specified as follows:
  - a. **Program Services**– brief description of the applicant's contribution to agricultural educators, agricultural programs, and/or agricultural student organizations. (40%)
  - b. **Professional Activities** – brief description of your career path including memberships and engagement in professional organizations, leadership positions and other valuable contributions to the profession. (40%)
  - c. **Awards and Honors** – brief description of your awards and honors acknowledging achievements in, cooperation with, and service in professional organization. (20%)
3. **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.
4. **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.

#### Requested Components of Application:

1. **Additional Photos Related to 2a.-2c.** – High resolution photos in .jpeg, .png, .bmp, .jpg, or .tif form can be uploaded as part of the online submission of your 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.

**Evaluation Procedures:** Each respective state association will determine the selection process for state winners.

### National-level Competition

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

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**When and Where to Submit:** The online application and instructions can be found at <https://www.naae.org/professional-development/naae-awards-scholarships/impact-awards/#laa>

State presidents will authenticate state winners using the NAAE State Winners' Validation Form provided by NAAE. All state winners must be validated 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.

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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**