

Governor Fallin's Agriculture Environmental Stewardship Award



Purpose

Governor Fallin's Agriculture Environmental Stewardship Award recognizes Oklahoma agriculturalists that are leaders in developing and adopting outstanding environmentally innovative agricultural practices. This prestigious award will highlight the efforts of an Oklahoma agriculture producer and will publicly recognize his/her stewardship of the environment and his/her dedication to conserving the natural resources of Oklahoma while helping to ensure a continued supply of food and fiber for his/her own welfare, as well as for future generations.

Eligibility

Eligibility is open to any Oklahoma producer who has assumed the responsibilities and risks of investing his/her life to protect and conserve the environment. Oklahoma producers depend on the land and its resources for their livelihood; therefore good environmental stewardship is essential.

Posthumous nominations **ARE** eligible to receive this award.

Award Process

Governor Fallin's Selection Committee, by their own process, shall select one Oklahoman who best represents the criteria established for the award. Governor Fallin's Selection Committee will be chaired by Secretary of Agriculture Jim Reese and shall include presidents of selected agricultural commodity organizations. The Committee shall also include representatives from agricultural/rural media and farm/ranch organizations.

Recognition

Governor Mary Fallin and Secretary of Agriculture Jim Reese will honor the winner of Governor Fallin's Agriculture Environmental Stewardship Award on Oklahoma Ag Day, at the state capitol. The winner of this prestigious award will receive a commemorative plaque at the ceremony. The award winner will be notified in a timely manner prior to the ceremony.

Selection Criteria

Selection will be based on the completed and signed application form, narrative describing environmental practices used by nominee, narrative describing nominee's agricultural leadership involvement, and up to three letters of support, all formatted according to the guidelines provided.

Formatting Guidelines and Information for Application

All written components (except letters of support) should be typed using a 12-point font, double-spaced with one-inch margins.

Each applicant should clearly label the parts of the application in the top left corner of each page using the nominee's name, section of application, and page number. Example:

John Doe, Stewardship Narrative, Page 1 of 4

John Doe, Leadership Narrative, Page 1 of 2

Submit 10 copies of the application. Each copy of the application should be bound together with a heavy-duty staple or binder clip. No presentation binders should be used.

Complete the application form included in this document. Applications should contain all requested information and appropriate signatures.

Please read the entire application thoroughly and ask questions well before the submission deadline. Jason Harvey can be reached at (405) 606-1477 to answer questions.

Evaluation Criteria

The judges will evaluate each application using this rubric:

Judging Criteria	Points
Agriculture Environmental Stewardship Narrative (4 page limit): The nominations may cover one or a combination of the following activities: 1) <u>Wildlife Protection and Habitat Conservation</u> —Providing a safe, viable habitat for wildlife within an agricultural operation. 2) <u>Pesticide/Nutrient Management</u> —Using pesticides/nutrients responsibly, maximizing benefits and minimizing potential adverse environmental effects. 3) <u>Water Quality</u> —Preserving or improving water quality within or adjacent to an agricultural operation. 4) <u>Soil and Water Conservation</u> —Reducing soil erosion, nutrient depletion, and water consumption while conserving these resources. 5) <u>Waste Management/Recycling</u> — Reducing waste by recycling agricultural by-products and waste products on site.	50
Agricultural Leadership Narrative (2 page limit): Describe any involvement with local/state/national boards, committees, and organizations involving community, leadership, agriculture, and conservation. Include any awards or honors that the nominee has received from these organizations.	30
Up to three (3) Letters of Support (2 page limit each): The typed letters should detail the author's involvement with the nominee and his or her knowledge of the nominee's stewardship practices.	15
Format of Application: All written components are typed, double-spaced with one-inch margins. Each application is clearly labeled using the nominee's name, section of application, and page number.	5

Checklist:

Review this checklist before submitting your application to ensure that it is complete:

- _____ Application Form
- _____ Agriculture Environmental Stewardship Narrative (4 page limit, w/page labels)
- _____ Agricultural Leadership Narrative (2 page limit, with page limits)
- _____ Up to three (3) letters of support (2 page limit each)
- _____ Ten (10) copies of the application

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Components of the Application

A. Application form: Completed and signed

B. Agriculture Environmental Stewardship Narrative (4 page limit):

Describe the producer's agricultural-environmental stewardship practices. The following environmental practices will be considered when judging the nominations. The nominations may cover one or a combination of the following activities:

1. Wildlife Protection and Habitat Conservation—Providing a safe, viable habitat for wildlife within an agricultural operation.

2. Pesticide/Nutrient Management—Using pesticides/nutrients responsibly, maximizing benefits and minimizing potential adverse environmental effects.

3. Water Quality—Preserving or improving water quality within or adjacent to an agricultural operation.

4. Soil and Water Conservation—Reducing soil erosion, nutrient depletion, and water consumption while conserving these resources.

5. Waste Management/Recycling— Reducing waste by recycling agricultural by-products and waste products on site.

C. Agricultural Leadership Narrative (2 page limit): Describe any involvement with local/state/national boards, committees, and organizations involving community, leadership, agriculture, and conservation. Include any awards or honors that the nominee has received from these organizations.

D. Up to three (3) letters of support: These letters may be from local government officials, other producers, technical consultants, association representatives or others with firsthand knowledge of the nominee's agriculture environmental stewardship practices. The typed letters should detail the author's involvement with the producer and his or her knowledge of the nominee's stewardship practices. Letters should not exceed two (2) pages each and must accompany the application. Letters sent separately will not be considered. Letters do not need to follow the formatting guidelines of the application.

Deadline for Submitting Application

Application can be mailed or hand delivered to Jason Harvey, Oklahoma Department of Agriculture. He must receive the application by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 10, 2017.

Where to Submit Application

Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry
Attn: Jason Harvey, Market Development

Physical Address: 2800 N Lincoln Blvd
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Mailing Address: PO Box 528804
Oklahoma City, OK 73152

**Governor Fallin's Agriculture Environmental Stewardship Award
APPLICATION FORM**



I would like to nominate the following Oklahoma producer for consideration for Governor Fallin's Agriculture Environmental Stewardship Award.

Information about the Nominee

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

How many years was nominee involved in promoting agriculture _____

Spouse's Name _____

Children's Names _____

Grandchildren's Names _____

If the nomination is posthumous, please discern family support for your recommendation:

What family member of the recommended honoree was contacted? _____

Relationship to the nominee? _____ Do they agree with this nomination? Y or N

How many years has the nominee been deceased? _____

Information about the Nominator

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Jason Harvey, at the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, must receive the application by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 10, 2017.

Your application will not be returned and becomes the property of the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture. If your nominee is selected to receive the award, the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture reserves the right to reproduce information/photos/other content in promotional materials and on the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture website and social media pages. By submitting materials that contain images of students or other individuals, you assume complete responsibility for obtaining appropriate release consent forms and permission to transfer these materials to the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture. By signing, I attest that I have read and understand the guidelines for this award and agree to comply as specified herein. I also attest that the information provided is true and factual to the best of my knowledge and that the individual being nominated is aware of his/her nomination and agrees to it.

Nominators Signature _____

Date _____