



# Teacher of the Year Application Form 2025

(May be used as an application by the teacher or a nomination by an outside party)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

School Name \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_ Subjects \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Years Teaching Experience \_\_\_\_\_ Number of years at current school \_\_\_\_\_

On a separate sheet(s) briefly address the following:

- Please briefly describe your or your nominee's new or existing agricultural education activities.  
[One to two pages, double spaced, 12 pt font]
- Please include copies of pictures, articles or other materials that will help the selection committee.
- Would you (your nominee) be willing and able to attend the National AITC Conference in Minneapolis, MN on June 24 – 28, 2025 if the expenses are paid and you (they) are selected for this award? Please confirm with school administration that these dates will be acceptable regardless of additional snow days that might add to the school year.
- Would you (they) be willing and able to submit an application for the White Reinhardt Award by November 1, 2024 and the National AITC Excellence in Teaching about Agriculture Award Program by January 3, 2026?
- Winner will be invited to join the 2024 Summer Teacher's Conference free of charge and invited to share their classroom program there.
- And receive a \$300 honorarium from the MAITC Association.

Additional information, and video of past winners, is available on the MAITC website.

**Please mail application to MAITC, ME Department of Agriculture, 28 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333 or email to [maitc@maine.gov](mailto:maitc@maine.gov) before 5:00 on October 4, 2024. Direct questions to Willie Sawyer Grenier at [maitc@maine.gov](mailto:maitc@maine.gov) or (207) 287-5522.**

### **Eligibility**

Only certified teachers (or team of teachers) currently engaged in classroom instruction at the PK – 12 level are eligible. Teacher (or team of teachers) must be integrating agricultural concepts into non-agricultural curricula. Applications or nominations may be for an individual or team (of up to 4) teachers working together. For teams please include a separate cover page for each teacher.

### **Review Process**

Proposals will be evaluated by a review committee that will score the proposals based on a rubric of 100 possible points. Scores will be averaged for each application. Award will be presented at the MAITCA Annual Meeting in October 2024 at the Maine State Grange. Winner(s) will receive a trip to the National AITC Conference in Minneapolis, MN on June 24 – 27, 2025.

### **Rubric**

- 25 points – Creativity and Utilization of Agricultural Information  
The degree to which sound agricultural concepts have been infused into the classroom curriculum. References should be made to the creative methods utilized in advancing student learning.
- 25 points – Interdisciplinary Approach  
The degree to which agricultural concepts have been included in a variety of subjects or topics. Value will be placed on the approach which teaches agriculture across the curriculum or subject.
- 25 points – Student Impact  
Evidence of positive change in behavior, student attitudes and overall learning. This can be qualitative or quantitative evidence, quotes, or student work.
- 25 points – Overall Impact, Longevity of the Program  
Evidence of historical and new agricultural concepts introduced. This may include food systems, sustainable living, local agriculture, Carbon footprint, community impact, nutrition, and more.