



Teacher of the Year Application Form 2023

(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 _____

Please mail application to MAITC, ME Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry, 28 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333 or email to maitc@maine.gov **before 5:00 on October 3, 2022. Direct questions to Willie Sawyer Grenier at maitc@maine.gov or (207) 287-5522.**

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

- Please briefly describe your/your nominee's new or existing agricultural education activities.
[One- 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 Orlando, FL on June 26 – 30, 2023 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, 2022 and the National AITC Excellence in Teaching about Agriculture Award Program by January 5, 2024?
- Winner will be invited to join the 2023 Summer Teacher's Conference free of charge and invited to share their classroom program there.
- Winner will receive a \$300 honorarium sponsored by the MAITC Association.

Eligibility

Only certified teachers currently engaged in classroom instruction at the PK – 12 level are eligible. Teachers must be integrating agricultural concepts into non-agricultural curricula. Applications may be from an individual or a team of 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 2022 at the Maine State Grange (if possible). Winner(s) will receive a trip to the National AITC Conference in Orlando, FL on June 26 – 30, 2023. (Dates subject to adjustment)

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.

Nominations must confirm to format guidelines, including questions answered, on page 1 of this application form.

Late applications will not be considered.