

2025 Virginia Agriculture in the Classroom Teacher of the Year



Overview and Application

The purpose of this award is to recognize a Virginia teacher for his/her excellent job incorporating agriculture into his/her core curriculum. Recognizing that agriculture forms the backbone for our daily lives, Agriculture in the Classroom celebrates those teachers who effectively integrate agriculture into their classrooms.

Eligibility: State licensed PK-12 teachers who are currently integrating agricultural concepts into non-vocational, core subject areas (such as language arts, social studies, science, or mathematics).

Selection Criteria: Teachers must use agricultural information and/or materials in their classroom to help students learn the importance of agriculture while also mastering required educational standards. Special consideration will be given to those teachers using Agriculture in the Classroom materials in their classrooms.

Award: The teacher selected will receive a \$500 stipend as well as a scholarship to attend the 2025 National Agriculture in the Classroom Conference to be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, June 23-26, 2025. The scholarship will cover the teacher's full registration as well as lodging and meals. The Virginia winner will also be encouraged to apply for the National Agriculture in the Classroom Teacher of the Year Award.

Application Process: Complete the application form, essay and lesson plan and email to Agriculture in the Classroom at aitc@vafb.com.

Application Deadline: December 9, 2024



Application

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Phone: (home) _____ (cell) _____ Email: _____

School: _____

School Address: _____

Grade(s) Taught: _____ Subject(s): _____

Number of Years Teaching: _____ Number of Years at Current School: _____

Add additional pages as necessary below.

Educational Background

Institution	Year	Degree/Certification
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Professional Experience

Position	School/Organization	Dates
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Awards, Honors, Membership in Professional Organizations



ESSAY

Provide a written response to prompts A and B.

A. Describe how you have incorporated agriculture into your classroom.

B. How did the activities/lessons/projects described above increase students' understanding of both agriculture and required content?

Essay should be between 2-4 pages total, 12-point font, double-spaced.

LESSON PLAN

Submit one lesson plan which supports your essay and demonstrates your incorporation of agriculture into your classroom.

Please include the following content, according to the order below, in your lesson plan:

- A. Title of the lesson
- B. Brief purpose of the lesson
- C. Grade level(s) addressed
- D. Time length of lesson
- E. Objective(s) of the lesson
- F. Standard(s) addressed
- G. Materials list
- H. Vocabulary or keywords
- I. Procedure

Lesson plan is limited to 4 pages.

Optional Supplementary Materials

You may also choose to include:

- A letter of recommendation from an administrator, parent, or classroom volunteer.
- Supporting pictures to illustrate your program of work.
- News coverage or other recognition

