

NC Ag in the Classroom Teacher Award

North Carolina Farm Bureau's Ag in the Classroom program will honor two NC teachers who emphasize agricultural concepts across their various areas of study. Agriculture is an important part of everyone's life. Clothing, food, fuel, housing, medicine, and much more are rooted in agriculture. Agricultural issues can support the teaching of many academic disciplines. Recognizing this, we would like to honor educators across the state who are effectively integrating agriculture into the classroom curriculum. Enclosed are the award guidelines, nomination and application forms. Nominated teachers will be asked to submit award applications that describe their methods for incorporating agricultural concepts into their classrooms.

What is Ag in the Classroom?

Ag in the Classroom is a non-profit educational foundation sponsored by North Carolina Farm Bureau, which was created to promote an awareness and recognition of the importance of the sources of our food and fiber. Agriculture and related agribusinesses are the number one industry in the United States and in North Carolina. The program, comprised of three parts – curricula, professional development workshops for teachers and county Farm Bureau support – is available to all North Carolina educators at no cost.

Who is eligible for this award?

Certified teachers currently teaching any grade - Pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade - and are integrating agricultural concepts into non-agricultural curricula (i.e. reading, writing, math, science, etc.) are encouraged to apply.

How can nominations be submitted?

Self-nominations as well as nominations from school faculty, community leaders, parents or students are invited. Submit the Nomination Form and a letter of recommendation (2 page maximum length) that describes the educator's ability to promote agricultural literacy and his/her role in applying agricultural education in their current curriculum. **Nominations must be postmarked by March 15, 2005 and mailed to:**

North Carolina Farm Bureau
Ag in the Classroom
PO Box 27766
Raleigh, NC 27611
Attention: Louise Lamm

What are the criteria for selection?

Teachers must utilize agricultural information and/or materials within the classroom curriculum in an effort to assist students in learning the importance of agriculture. Learning activities may include, but are not limited to, an understanding of agriculture's impact on personal lives, our national heritage, the environment, national security and the economy. Innovative and interdisciplinary programs are encouraged.