



APPLICATION

Betty J. DeWitt Outstanding Educator Award



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and a trip
to the beach!**

*presented by the SC Farm Bureau
Women's Leadership Committee*

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What is Ag in the Classroom?

Ag in the Classroom is a non-profit educational foundation sponsored by South Carolina Farm Bureau, which was created to promote 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 the number two industry in South Carolina. The program is comprised of three parts, including lesson plans and related materials, professional development workshops for teachers, and county Farm Bureau support.

Who is eligible for this award?

We are seeking applications from South Carolina certified teachers of grades Kindergarten through eight who are integrating exemplary agricultural education programs into their school curriculum. Teachers may nominate themselves or be nominated by someone else.



The nominee must have designated and implemented a lesson/unit/project about the food and fiber industry within the last school year (August – June). There is no membership requirement to apply. The SC Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Committee awards the winner a cash prize and an expense-paid trip to the South Carolina Farm Bureau Annual Convention in Myrtle Beach, SC, which is held the first weekend in December. The winning application will be forwarded to a national competition for more chances to win.

What are the criteria for selection?

- **Variety of Agricultural Concepts Taught**
- **Extent of Integration into other subject areas**
- **Use of creative techniques**
- **Use of classroom, school and community resources**
- **Evidence of nominee's impact on student attitudes and overall learning**

How do I apply?

Complete the attached form and return by May 12, 2012 to:

**South Carolina Farm Bureau
State Women's Leadership Committee
P.O. Box 754
Columbia, SC 29202**

This application is available for download from www.SCFB.org

A panel of judges will review the applications and



About Betty J. DeWitt

As a Farm Bureau Women's Committee member since 1975 and with a background in teaching and youth work, Betty DeWitt's accomplishments represent a life dedicated to agriculture and education. Some highlights of her personal and professional career:

■ Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics, Winthrop College

■ Former teacher of high school and junior high school Home Economics and English, and Kindergarten

■ Junior Class, Young Adult Class and Vacation Bible School teacher at Pine Grove United Methodist Church

■ Girl Scout adult member for 27 years; received the "Thanks Badge," Girl Scouts' highest adult award, in 1990

■ SC Farm Bureau State Women's Committee Chair, 1990-1996

■ American Farm Bureau Women's Committee Southern Representative, 1992-2000



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APPLICATION GUIDELINES

1. Complete the application form which is limited to a maximum of 3 pages typed in 12 point font.
(The application is available for download at www.scfb.org)

2. Include the following supporting documents:

a. Endorsement by an Administrator – A letter (signed and dated) by a school administrator substantiating the applicant's excellence in and dedication to the teaching role.

b. Optional: Additional letter of endorsement from a co-worker or parent substantiating the nominee's excellence in and dedication to the teaching role.

3. Appendix (optional):

Any additional information deemed essential for the applicant such as lesson plans, photographs, students' work, etc. may be included in an Appendix. The Appendix shall not be presented in a bound form such as a scrapbook, binder, or folder and shall be limited to items printed/copied on 8 1/2 X 11 paper. If digital media such as videos, power points, etc. are to be included, please send (4) copies of the digital media on CD or DVD.

DEADLINE - May 12, 2012

Return to: SC Farm Bureau State Women's Committee, P.O. Box 754, Columbia, SC 29202

Name _____

Home Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

School Name _____

School Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

School Phone _____ Grade Taught _____

Subjects taught _____

Number of years teaching experience: _____ Number of years at current school _____

EDUCATION:

Institution _____

Year(s) /Degree(s)/Certification _____

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Position/School/Organization _____

Dates _____

AWARDS AND HONORS RELATED TO TEACHING

OTHER RECOGNITION OR HONORS

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. Was agriculture infused into the curriculum throughout the year, or taught during a specific time?

2. What agricultural concepts did the students learn and what methods were used to teach them?

3. What changes, if any, were noticed in the students' behavior or attitude towards agriculture after learning about it?

SIGNATURE OF NOMINEE: _____ DATE: _____