

# BETTY J. DEWITT OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR AWARD

## OVERVIEW & ELIGIBILITY

### **Eligibility**

District certified teachers currently engaged in integrating agricultural concepts into non-vocational agriculture classroom settings at the pre-K to 12th grade levels are eligible.

Unsuccessful applicants from previous years may be resubmitted.

Prior winners of this award are ineligible for future awards under this program.

*Note: Teachers of high school agricultural education, or career and technical education are not eligible for this award.*

### **Criteria for Selection**

Teachers must integrate/utilize agricultural information within their classroom curriculum in an effort to assist students in learning the importance of agriculture. Instruction may include, but is not limited to: understanding the importance and value of agriculture in students' daily lives; understanding the relationships among agriculture, food and fiber production, animals, health, energy systems, technology, economics, and the environment; identifying and understanding the connections between academic content areas and agricultural careers including, but not limited to, STEM careers; understanding the overall connectedness between STEM and agriculture. Innovative, integrated, and interdisciplinary programs are encouraged.

### **Prizes**

Prizes include a \$1000 cash award, a trip to the South Carolina Farm Bureau Convention in Myrtle Beach to receive the award and a trip to the [National Ag in the Classroom Conference](#). The winner will go on to compete for the national award, Excellence in Teaching about Agriculture.

### **Deadline for Entries**

The deadline for entries is April 30.

### **Judging**

All entries will be evaluated by a panel of judges familiar with agriculture, education, and Agriculture in the Classroom. Judging and selection of winner will be completed by July 31.