

Governor Fallin's Outstanding Achievement in Agriculture Award



Purpose

Governor Fallin's Outstanding Achievement in Agriculture Award is the highest award given by the Governor to honor distinguished Oklahoma agriculture producers. This prestigious award honors leaders in the agriculture industry who exemplify personal values, performance, and achievement.

Nominee's should have high standards of conduct, leadership, innovation, and accomplishments in agriculture and should be a role model for Oklahoma agriculture's young people.

Eligibility

Eligibility is open to any Oklahoma producer who has been involved with agriculture for a minimum of 25 years. Nominee's should derive the majority of his/her income principally from agriculture or be retired from an agricultural industry. The definition of agriculture shall include: livestock and crop production, agribusiness, forestry, and horticulture/nursery. Any individual who is nominated and selected as one of the top three applicants for two years will automatically be eligible to receive the reward for the next three years. If the individual has not been selected for the award after the three-year time period, they will need to be nominated again to be eligible.

Posthumous nominations **ARE NOT** eligible to receive this award.

Award Process

Governor Fallin's Selection Committee, by their own process, shall select one agriculturalist who best represents the criteria established for the award. Governor Fallin's Selection Committee will be chaired by Secretary of Agriculture Jim Reese and shall include presidents of selected agricultural commodity organizations. The Committee shall also include representatives from agricultural/rural media and farm/ranch organizations.

Recognition

Governor Mary Fallin and Secretary of Agriculture Jim Reese will honor the winner of Governor Fallin's Outstanding Achievement in Agriculture Award on Oklahoma Ag Day, at the State Capitol. The honoree will receive a commemorative plaque at the ceremony and will be inducted into the Agriculture Hall of Fame located at the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, where their portrait and biography will be on display. The award winner will be notified in a timely manner prior to the ceremony.

Selection Criteria

Selection will be based on the completed and signed nomination form, narrative describing contributions to Oklahoma agriculture, narrative describing agricultural leadership involvement, and up to three letters of support, all formatted according to the guidelines provided.

Formatting Guidelines and Information for Application

All written components (except letters of support) should be typed using a 12-point font, double-spaced with one-inch margins.

Each applicant should clearly label the parts of the application in the top left corner of each page using the nominee's name, section of application, and page number. Example:

John Doe, Agriculture Contributions Narrative, Page 1 of 4

John Doe, Leadership Narrative, Page 1 of 2

Submit ten (10) copies of the application. Each copy of the application should be bound together with a heavy-duty staple or binder clip. No presentation binders should be used.

Complete the application form included in this document. Applications should contain all requested information and appropriate signatures.

Please read the entire application thoroughly and ask questions well before the submission deadline. Jason Harvey can be reached at (405) 606-1477 to answer questions.

Evaluation Criteria

The judges will evaluate each application using this rubric:

Judging Criteria	Points
<p>Agriculture Contributions to Oklahoma Narrative (4 page limit): The nominations may cover one or a combination of the following activities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Contributions to Agriculture—Describe the nominee's direct and substantial contributions to agriculture and the enhancement of rural life in Oklahoma. 2) Involvement in Agriculture—Describe the nominee's involvement in livestock/crop production, agricultural business, forestry, horticulture/nursery, or any other agricultural area. What is it that sets him/her apart as a producer and makes his/her contributions unique and important? 3) Public Awareness—Share the nominee's efforts to publicize and build more awareness for agriculture and to establish himself/herself as a role model. 4) Time and Talents—Detail the amount of time the nominee spends promoting Oklahoma agriculture and the talents they possess to help them achieve this task. 	50
<p>Agricultural Leadership Narrative (2 page limit): Describe any involvement with local/state/national boards, committees, and organizations involving community, leadership, agriculture, and conservation. Include any awards or honors that the nominee has received from these organizations.</p>	30
<p>Up to three (3) Letters of Support (2 page limit each): The typed letters should detail the author's involvement with the nominee and his or her knowledge of the producer's significant contributions.</p>	15
<p>Format of Application: All written components are typed, double-spaced with one-inch margins. Each application is clearly labeled using the nominee's name, section of application, and page number.</p>	5

Checklist:

Review this checklist before submitting your application to ensure that it is complete:

- _____ Application Form
- _____ Agriculture Contributions to Oklahoma Narrative (4 page limit, w/page labels)
- _____ Agricultural Leadership Narrative (2 page limit, w/page limits)
- _____ Up to three (3) letters of support (2 page limit each)
- _____ Ten (10) copies of the application



Governor Fallin's Outstanding Achievement in Agriculture Award Components of the Application

A. Application form: Completed and signed

B. Agriculture Contributions to Oklahoma Narrative (4 page limit):

Governor Fallin's Outstanding Achievement in Agriculture Award is intended to recognize agriculture as an integral part of our society and agriculturalists as contributors to the well being of Oklahoma. The following contributions will be considered when judging the nominations. The nominations may cover one or a combination of the following activities:

1. Contributions to Agriculture—Describe the nominee's direct and substantial contributions to agriculture and the enhancement of rural life in Oklahoma.

2. Involvement in Agriculture—Describe the nominee's involvement in livestock/crop production, agricultural business, forestry, horticulture/nursery, or any other agricultural area. What is it that sets him/her apart as a producer and makes his/her contributions unique and important?

3. Public Awareness—Share the nominee's efforts to publicize and build more awareness for agriculture and to establish himself/herself as a role model.

4. Time and Talents—Detail the amount of time the nominee spends promoting Oklahoma agriculture and the talents they possess to help them achieve this task.

C. Agricultural Leadership Narrative (2 page limit): Describe any involvement with local/state/national boards, committees, and organizations involving community, leadership, agriculture, and conservation. Include any awards or honors that the nominee has received from these organizations.

D. Up to three (3) letters of support: These letters may be from local government officials, other producers, technical consultants, association representatives or others with firsthand knowledge of the nominee's outstanding contributions to Oklahoma agriculture. The typed letters should detail the author's involvement with the nominee and his or her knowledge of the producers significant contributions. Letters should not exceed two (2) pages each and must accompany the application. Letters sent separately will not be considered. Letters do not need to follow the formatting guidelines of the application.

Deadline for Submitting Application

Application can be mailed or hand delivered to Jason Harvey, Oklahoma Department of Agriculture. He must receive the application by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 10, 2017.

Where to Submit Application

Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry
Attn: Jason Harvey, Market Development

Physical Address: 2800 N Lincoln Blvd
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Mailing Address: PO Box 528804
Oklahoma City, OK 73152

**Governor Fallin's Outstanding Achievement in Agriculture Award
APPLICATION FORM**



I would like to nominate the following Oklahoma producer for consideration for Governor Fallin's Outstanding Achievement in Agriculture Award.

Information about the Nominee

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Number of years involved in agriculture (minimum of 25 years service) _____

Spouse's Name _____

Children's Names _____

Grandchildren's Names _____

Information about the Nominator

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Jason Harvey, at the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, must receive the application by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 10, 2017.

Your application will not be returned and becomes the property of the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture. If your nominee is selected to receive the award, the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture reserves the right to reproduce information/photos/other content in promotional materials and on the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture website and social media pages. By submitting materials that contain images of students or other individuals, you assume complete responsibility for obtaining appropriate release consent forms and permission to transfer these materials to the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture. By signing, I attest that I have read and understand the guidelines for this award and agree to comply as specified herein. I also attest that the information provided is true and factual to the best of my knowledge and that the individual being nominated is aware of his/her nomination and agrees to it.

Nominator's Signature _____

Date _____