



## **Exemplary Educator of the Year**

### **Purpose:**

The purpose of this award is to recognize an outstanding Wyoming educator who has demonstrated excellence in education by implementing innovative agricultural projects into their classroom and surrounding community.

### **Rules of Eligibility:**

- Any K-12 Wyoming educator or community-based educator (rancher, farmer, conservation district employee, University of Wyoming Cooperative Extension employee, etc) is eligible.
- Individual educators or teams of educators can be nominated.
- Students, parents, school personnel, community members, or colleagues may nominate an educator or team.
- Submissions will only be considered if ALL rules of eligibility have been met and application is complete.
- No professional membership is required for nomination or selection.

### **Selection Criteria:**

The Selection Committee is comprised of the members of the Wyoming Agriculture in the Classroom Board of Directors. All entries will be evaluated on the following:

- Application of basic agricultural and natural resources concepts in multiple academic areas,
- Program development that emphasizes critical thinking skills and analysis of information,
- Use of local resources, creativity, and innovation in the classroom,
- Development of students' appreciation and understanding of agriculture,

### **Awards:**

One award is given annually. Wyoming Agriculture in the Classroom will notify the award recipient. The recipient will receive a personalized plaque, cash award (\$1,000.00 +), and ceremony at the honoree's home school. Recipient will also be recognized at the Wyoming State Fair Agriculture Hall of Fame BBQ.

***All entries must be postmarked by May 1st***