

Teacher of the Year Application Guidelines

Who can apply?

All certified South Dakota K-8 teachers presently teaching in South Dakota. The winning teacher will receive special recognition for their efforts as well as a classroom stipend.

Who can nominate a teacher?

Students, colleagues, administrators, parents, South Dakota agricultural organizations or a teacher may nominate himself/herself. The application must be completed by the nominated teacher.

What are the Criteria for Selection?

South Dakota Agriculture in the Classroom will be recognizing one outstanding South Dakota teacher for their innovative efforts using agriculture to meet state standards by integrating agricultural concepts into non-agricultural curricula. Teachers must utilize agricultural information and/or materials in an effort to assist students in understanding the importance of agriculture. Learning activities may include but are not limited to an understanding of agriculture's impact on personal lives, our national and/or South Dakota heritage, the environment and South Dakota's economy.

Entries will be judged on the following criteria:

<u>Evaluation Criteria</u>	<u>Weight</u>
a. <i>Utilization of Agricultural Information Across Curriculum Areas</i> The degree to which sound agricultural concepts have been infused into classroom curriculum. Reference should be made to use of agriculture to meet state standards by integrating agricultural concepts into non-agricultural curricula. Value will be placed on the approach which teaches agriculture across the curriculum.	50 points
b. <i>Student Impact</i> Evidence of teacher's impact on student attitudes and overall learning. Value placed on evidence of increased understanding and awareness of agriculture's impact on daily life, the environment and our economy.	30 Points
d. <i>Letters of Support, Use of SDAITC Materials,</i> Letters contributed should convey a strong sense of the teacher's efforts to introduce agricultural information into the classroom. These letters should include reference to actual	

situations and learning activities. Participation in SDAITC events and use of SDATIC and SD agricultural resources will also be given consideration. 20 points

The applicant should submit the following materials to South Dakota Ag In The Classroom:

Application Form – enclosed

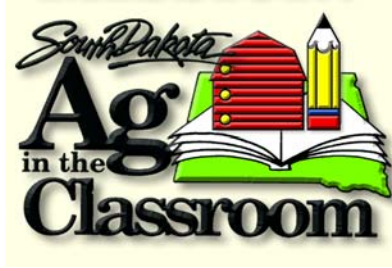
Three letters of support – one from a co-worker or parent, one from an administrator familiar with the Nominee’s work and one from a member of the agricultural community.

Written permission-- for the SDAITC to use the submitted materials in announcing the winner, and in promoting the program in newsletters, on the website, or other appropriate public forums. (this is part of the application form)

Any additional supporting information deemed essential to clarifying the application may be included in an Appendix. Examples of classroom materials, student work, photographs, etc may be included. They will become the property of SDAITC and may be used in electronic or print publications.

Please submit application, letters of support and supporting materials on or before February 1, 2010 to the address listed below. Awards will be announced and presented during National Agriculture Week, March 14-20, 2010.

**South Dakota Ag In The Classroom
Attn: Lisa Dorschner
PO Box 577
Pierre, SD 57501**



Teacher of the Year Application

Name:

School Name:

School Address:

Grade Level:

Subjects Taught:

Number of Years Teaching Experience:

Number of Years at Current School:

Home Address:

Preferred E-mail address:

Home Phone:

School Phone:

Cell Phone:

SDAITC Workshops or Related Events Attended (include date & Location):

Signature _____ Date _____

**By signing this application, you give permission to SDAITC to use the submitted materials in announcing the winner, and in promoting the program in newsletters, on the website, or other appropriate public forums.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Please type or use a computer to answer the following 4 questions *utilizing only one 8 1/2 x 11 page per question.*

- 1.** Describe your unique and innovative efforts using agriculture to meet state standards by integrating agricultural concepts into non-agricultural curricula.
(Utilize one page only. Supporting material may be included in the appendix.)

2. What specific agricultural concepts taught and which academic areas of study were utilized. What was the depth and duration of the lessons? List the South Dakota State Standards that were addressed.

(Utilize one page only. Supporting material may be included in the appendix.)

3. Explain how these activities helped students better understand South Dakota agriculture's impact on personal lives, our heritage, the environment and the economy.
(Utilize one page only. Supporting material may be included in the appendix.)

4. List resources from South Dakota AITC or from South Dakota agriculture organizations that you utilize in your classroom.

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