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OUTSTANDING YOUNG EXTENSION SPECIALIST AWARD

The Midwest Section of the American Society of Animal Science (ASAS) offers Awards for Young Animal Science Leaders to be presented at the ASAS Midwest Annual Meeting each year.

Nominations failing to meet identified requirement criteria within the on-line application system will not be considered by the selection committees of the Midwest ASAS Section.

General Requirements

1. A nominee for a Midwest award must be a member of the ASAS Midwest Section.
2. A nominee must not be more than 10 years past a graduate degree or post-doctoral training at the DEADLINE FOR NOMINATION.
3. A nominee must not have received a national ASAS award in the same area.
4. Only one (1) nominee per institution for the award each year. The awardee will receive an appropriate plaque and recognition at the Midwest Annual Meeting.
5. The nomination dossier must be submitted on the web site by the deadline.
6. The items listed in the "Materials to be submitted by the nominator" section for the award constitute the only items permitted in the nomination dossier. Dossiers containing additional items or not following length limitations will not be considered.

Requirements

The nominee must:

- Have conducted outstanding extension educational programs in animal science.
- Be actively engaged in outreach education as an extension specialist employed by a state (provincial) or federal extension service at the time of nomination.
- Work with people that produce or use either dairy cattle, beef cattle, swine, sheep, horses, or with people in the meat industry.
- Have initiated and developed programs and projects concerning breeding, milk production, nutrition, management, growth and development, physiology, muscle biology/meats, health, youth livestock programs, or activities directly related to the meat animal industry.

Basis for Selection

1. Acceptance and application of nominee's concepts, techniques, and programs.
2. Influence of projects and programs on the livestock industry and the welfare of farm people.
3. Leadership qualities, demonstrated by the ability to influence others to act and to adopt improved practices.
4. Mastery of subject matter, techniques, vision, enthusiasm, and attitude.

Materials to be submitted on the web by the nominator:

1. A current résumé or curriculum vitae.
2. Statements addressing each of the topics mentioned under "Basis for Selection" (above). The length of these statements combined must not exceed 8,000 characters and spaces.
3. List of materials developed or published by the nominee. The list should include items used in teaching animal/dairy science to a wide audience, including interpretive writing, visual aids, computer software, and other contributions. Grant monies generated may be included.
4. Letters of reference (minimum of 2 and maximum of 4). Persons providing letters of reference must be familiar with the nominee's research.
 - One letter from a person at the nominee's institution/organization.
 - Other letter(s) (1 minimum, 4 maximum) must be from persons not affiliated with the nominee's institution/organization.
5. One copy of citation for reading at the awards ceremony (not to exceed 750 characters and spaces).