

SCAAE Outstanding Middle School/Secondary Ag Ed Program

Eligibility: All active SCAAE members, except current members of the NAAE board of directors, are eligible to enter. All full-time instructors within the applicant institution, or of the department within the applicant institution, must have been members of SCAAE for the three (3) previous years or continuously since they began teaching. Previous NAAE regional winners may reapply for this award every five years if they choose (that is, programs that won the NAAE regional award in 2019 may reapply in 2024).

1. **Narrative** – the narrative is limited to four 8 1/2" x 11" pages. The narrative must be typewritten and submitted electronically by the established deadline.

Use a font no smaller than 12 points. Multiple text formats are acceptable, including paragraphs, lists, and tables. *If a multiple teacher program, please include examples from all teachers within the program throughout the application.*

The narrative must follow the outline specified as follows:

a. **Overview** – brief description of your agricultural education program and the community in which your program exists. Include a comparison of the demographics of your school to the demographics of your ag program.

b. **Program Mission** – a brief reflective statement (not to exceed one page) of your program's mission and goals.

c. **Overview of Program Curriculum** – examples of effective classroom and laboratory instruction description of classes offered, teaching methods used, how courses are aligned to standards, etc.

d. **Experiential Learning** – examples of your accomplishments in getting students involved in work-based learning such as supervised agricultural experience programs, cooperative education, and internships.

e. **Leadership Development** – examples of your program's successes in developing leadership skills of students within the program. Program's participation in student organization activities, including FFA, PAS, and NYFEA and other student organizations may also be included.

f. **Partnerships** – examples of your relationships with partners such as volunteers, school and community leaders, industry leaders, and others who have the capacity to support your agricultural education program including FFA Alumni chapters and advisory boards.

g. **Marketing** – examples of how your program markets (or promotes) to groups such as prospective students, parents, school administrators, and community leaders.

h. **Professional Growth** – examples of how the teachers within your program stay professionally prepared and up-to-date in teaching techniques and technical content including information regarding each teachers' participation in professional organizations such as SCAAE, NAAE and programs sponsored by NAAE.

3. **Letter of Reference** – one letter of reference should be uploaded to the online application form. The letter of reference should be from the program's direct supervisor (principal, Career Tech Director, etc.). The letter of reference is not considered in the page limitations.