



Governor Stitt's Outstanding Achievement in Agriculture Award

Purpose

The Outstanding Achievement in Agriculture Award is the highest award given by the Governor to honor distinguished Oklahoma agriculture contributors. This prestigious award honors leaders in the agriculture industry who exemplify personal values, performance, and achievement. Nominees should have high standards of conduct, leadership, innovation, and accomplishments in agriculture and should be a role model for Oklahoma agriculture's young people.

Recognition

The winner of Governor Stitt's Outstanding Achievement in Agriculture Award will be honored on Oklahoma Ag Day at the State Capitol on April 16, 2024. The honoree 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.

Applications must include:

A. Application form

B. Contributions to Oklahoma Agriculture Narrative (2-page limit): Governor Stitt'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 narrative may cover one or a combination of the following activities as they relate to agriculture in Oklahoma:

- Involvement in agriculture
- Promotion of agriculture
- Time and talents devoted to agriculture
- Leadership roles

This should be limited to 2 pages front and back, 12-point font, double spaced, 1-inch margins.

C. Up to two 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 contributions to Oklahoma agriculture. The typed letters should detail the author's involvement with the nominee and his or her knowledge of the producer's significant contributions. Letters should not exceed two (2) pages each and must accompany the application.

Deadline for Submitting Application

Applications can be mailed or emailed to Lee Benson.

He must receive the application by **5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 8, 2024.**

Electronic Submissions: lee.benson@ag.ok.gov, with "2024 HOF Application" in the subject line

Paper Submissions: Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry
Attn: Lee Benson
2800 N Lincoln Blvd
Oklahoma City, OK 73105



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APPLICATION FORM

Information about the Nominee

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Current Primary Occupation _____

Ag Industry Occupations, Past and Present:

Number of years involved in agriculture _____

Spouse's Name _____

Children's Names _____

Information about the Nominator

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Applications must be submitted electronically or mailed to ODAFF by March 8 at 5 p.m.

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

- _____ Application Form
- _____ Contributions to Oklahoma Agriculture Narrative
- _____ Up to two letters of support

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 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.

Nominators Signature _____

Date _____