

Ideas Unlimited Award Instructions

The Ideas Unlimited contest is designed to give members an opportunity to exchange classroom and other teaching ideas. The idea may be original or borrowed. Each application should specify how the idea was used by the applicant and how the idea could help others in their teaching.

Eligibility: All active GVATA/NAAE members, except current members of the NAAE board of directors, who are teaching agricultural education are eligible to enter this competition. In addition, each applicant must have been a GVATA/NAAE member the three (3) previous years or continuously since he/she began teaching. There are no restrictions limiting the number of times an individual can win the regional contest.

Required Components of the Application:

1. Narrative - the narrative is limited to three 8 1/2" x 11" pages. The narrative must be typewritten. Use a font no smaller than 12 points. Multiple text formats are acceptable, including paragraphs, lists, and tables. The narrative must follow the outline specified as follows:
 - a. Overview - brief description of idea and how it is unique, fresh, or novel in agricultural education (50%)
 - b. Practicality of Idea - brief reflection of how the idea's appeal would be widespread and have application to teaching agricultural education. (10%)
 - c. Adaptability of Instruction - brief explanation as to the usefulness and feasibility of the idea for other agricultural educators. (10%)
 - d. Instructional Value - brief explanation of how the idea would serve the purpose of developing the integration of academic components which may include math, science, and communications in agricultural education. (10%)
2. Supporting Materials – the supporting materials are limited to eight 8 1/2" x 11" pages and saved in a format that can be uploaded to the online application if selected as the state winner. Supporting materials (such as photographs with captions, lesson plans, and other items) must be formatted to 8 1/2" x 11". Evaluation of supporting materials will be included with the evaluation of the components of the narrative (1.a.-1.d. above)
3. Application Signature Sheet – the application signature page must be signed by the requested individuals and attached to the narrative and other application documents. The application signature page can be found on page 4 of this document.

State-level Competition:

When and Where to Submit: Entries must be submitted to the state association by the deadline established by the state association. Applications are due to your Area GVATA Director by April 15th.

Evaluation Procedures: Each respective state association will determine the selection process for state winners and may only submit one entry for the judging at regional meetings. NAAE will recognize one winner in each of the six NAAE regions. Regional winners will be selected at their respective regional meetings. State agricultural teachers' associations are encouraged to conduct a similar event on the state level. Each state association may submit one entry for the regional contest.

Note: If selected as the state winner, it is expected that the applicant will travel to the Region V NAAE Conference in June to present their Ideas Unlimited Presentation on behalf of GVATA. Lodging and Conference Registration for this conference will be provided by GVATA.

Regional & National-level Competition:

NAAE will recognize one winner in each of the six NAAE regions. Regional winners will be selected at their respective regional meetings.

What to Submit: All required components of the application must be submitted electronically (email, DropBox, Google Drive, etc.) to Katie Wood at kwood.naae@uky.edu by May 15. No printed applications will be accepted.

State presidents will authenticate state winners using the NAAE State Winners' Validation Form provided to them by NAAE. All state winners must be authenticated by May 15.

Evaluation Procedures: The evaluation of applications will be completed at the Regional meetings. Below will outline the regional selection of award winners process:

- a. Applicant or a representative from the applicant's state must present the teaching idea during the regional meeting to be considered for regional winner of Ideas Unlimited.
- b. Applicant has a maximum of 10 minutes to present his/her idea. Five (5) points will be deducted from the applicants final score for every 30 seconds over the time limit.
- c. Applicant may use any multimedia presentation method (i.e. PowerPoint, podcast, video clips, etc.) and/or hands-on presentation method that may effectively communicate the teaching idea.
- d. Each region will select a committee of judges. There may be only one judge from each state association. Therefore, each state association receives one vote.
- e. Judges will use the rubric provided by the National Association of Agricultural Educators to evaluate each applicant. Judges will score each applicant and scores will be tallied to determine the regional winner.
- f. The comprehensiveness of the presentation will be 20% of the total score. Judges will score applicants on whether the idea is presented in a clear, concise and understandable manner suitable for publication.

The six national winners will receive a plaque, one complimentary registration to the NAAE Convention and a \$400 travel stipend, sponsored by National Geographic Learning | Cengage Learning, to attend the

*Upcoming NAAE Convention. The travel stipend may be used only to attend the NAAE Convention. Winners will also be asked to present a thirty minute professional development workshop on their award winning idea while attending NAAE Convention. **Travel stipend will not be awarded to individuals who have already received their travel expenses paid for by NAAE to the NAAE Convention.*

NAAE Award Application Signature Page

Please read below and provide the appropriate signatures.

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If named as a Teacher Turn the Key participant, I will attend and participate in the entire NAAE Convention. Also, by signing this I agree to the Photograph License & Publicity Release above.

Signed:

Applicant’s Signature

Date

If this teacher is selected as the Region Award Winner, he/she will be permitted to attend the entire NAAE convention.

School Official (including signature and title)

Date