

THE  
**CERTIFICATE**  
OF  
**DISTINCTION**  
OF THE  
**PURDUE AGRICULTURAL**  
**ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**



*Recognizing extraordinary service to  
agriculture, forestry and natural resources.*

Deadline for  
Nominations is  
**October 22, 2020**

## The Award

The Certificate of Distinction is the highest award of the Purdue Agricultural Alumni Association. It is presented at the Association's annual meeting, The Purdue Ag Alumni Fish Fry takes place in early February each year.

The Certificate of Distinction is intended to recognize those who have contributed significantly to agriculture, forestry or natural resources through professional accomplishments, activity in professional organizations, community service work, and other activities that make the nominees a credit to their profession.

## Selection Procedure

A committee selected by the President of the Purdue Agricultural Alumni Association will screen all nominees and present a list of finalists to the Board of Directors of the Association. The Board will make the final selections.

### Selection Scorecard

Professional Accomplishments	45 pts
Professional Service Work	20 pts
Local Community Work	20 pts
State and National Activity	15 pts

## Eligibility

Any person who has contributed significantly to agriculture, forestry or natural resources is eligible for the award. Although nominees may be at any stage in their career, continued work over a period of years will better substantiate the contributions of the nominee. The nominee's accomplishments will be judged in totality as a body of work.

Nominees need not be a graduate of Purdue Agriculture nor a resident of Indiana. Nominees can be engaged in any phase of agriculture, forestry and natural resources—farming, business, manufacturing, education, research, government agency, agricultural commodity or advocacy organizations, etc.

A nominee's level of accomplishment should extend beyond the local community, although there may be certain cases that merit exception to this guideline.

Excellence, not merely participation and longevity, is the expectation of those honored with this award, both in professional activities and in associated community service.

## Nomination Procedure

Nominations may be made by anyone.

As the Association's highest award, it is essential that the selection of recipients be done in a comprehensive and thorough manner. The nomination form cover sheet has been prepared so that a nominee's work and involvement are accurately and thoroughly documented for the selection committee.

All nominations should follow the format of the nomination form cover sheet to insure that all relevant information is included. Please do not include materials that are not organized in this format.

Nominators are highly encouraged to solicit letters of recommendation from people who can attest to the nominee's accomplishments. Letters should emphasize the impact of a nominee's work, not just restate the body of work. Letters may be mailed separately or attached to the nomination form. In any case, all materials must be submitted to the Purdue Ag Alumni office by **October 22, 2020**.

Nominations are automatically considered for three years from the year of original submission. After that time, a nomination must be re-submitted or re-activated.

## Nomination Submission

All nomination materials must be completed and submitted by **October 22, 2020** to:

Danica Kirkpatrick  
Purdue Agricultural Alumni Association  
715 W. State Street  
West Lafayette, IN 47907-2061

Electronic submissions may be sent to: [danica@purdue.edu](mailto:danica@purdue.edu)

No confirmation of the receipt of the nomination will be sent. All materials received for a single nominee will constitute that person's nomination. It is the responsibility of the nominator(s) to insure that all materials have been received by the Ag Alumni office.

## Award Presentation

Recipients and their nominators will be mailed notification of the selections on or before **December 1, 2020**. Notifications will be sent to both the postal and email addresses that are supplied by the nominator.

Recipients will be invited to attend the Purdue Ag Fish Fry to receive the citation. Typically, no awards are made *in absentia* or posthumously.

## Time Line

Oct. 22 2020	Deadline for Nominations
Nov 20 - Dec. 1, 2020	Notification Letters Mailed to Recipients & Nominators <i>Notifications are not sent to nominators of candidates not selected for recognition.</i>
Feb., 2021	Awards Presented at Purdue Ag Alumni Fish Fry