

CERTIFICATE OF DISTINCTION – NOMINATION FORM

Nomination deadline: October 20, 2026

Thank you for your interest in nominating an individual for the Certificate of Distinction Award, the highest award from the Purdue Agricultural Alumni Association. We are proud to have such a great history of successful and diverse alumni and friends all over the world, and we are excited to add the next year of honorees into the group.

Awards Criteria:

- Nominees sought for those who have contributed significantly to agriculture, forestry, or natural resources.
- Nominations must include professional accomplishments, activity or involvement in professional organizations, community service work, and other activities that make the nominee a credit to their profession.
- Nominees do not have to be a graduate of Purdue Agriculture or a resident of Indiana. New in 2025, all nominees for the Certificate of Distinction must have at least 25 years of experience. The nominee's accomplishments will be judge in totality as a body of work.

Time Line:

- October 20, 2026 Deadline for Nominations
- November/December Committee Evaluations
- December 9, 2026 Nominators notified if their candidate was selected, or if their submission will be kept on file for two more years.
- February 6, 2027 Awards presented at the Purdue Ag Alumni Fish Fry

Criteria Selection:

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

Section 1: Nominee Contact Information

- Nominee Name:
- Nominee Current mailing address:
- Nominee e-mail:
- States and countries in which nominee has had impact:
- Does this nominee have a least 25 years of industry/career experience? (circle one)
Yes
No

Section 2: Areas of Involvement

How would you categorize the areas in which the nominee had impact? Choose all that apply.

- Production Agriculture
- Agriculture Business
- Academic – education or research
- Policy/Advocacy
- Apiculture Education / Extension
- Community Service

Please state, using no more than 500 characters, what makes this nominee a good candidate for this award. Think of this as your "elevator pitch" as to why this person should win the award. Keep in mind that the selection committee might not know your nominee, so use this space as a place to highlight your nominee's strengths. Please note, there is space to list specific accomplishments in the next section.

Section 3: Accomplishments and supporting documents

The selection committee will be evaluating nominations based off the criteria below. Please list any awards or accolades relating to:

- Professional Accomplishments
 - a. Education – list dates and degrees received if known.
 - b. Describe the nominee's activities and accomplishments in agriculture. Examples: jobs held, successes, honors received etc.
- Professional Service Work
 - a. List agricultural organizations in which the nominee has been active. List offices held, committee responsibilities, honors received etc.
 - b. Briefly describe the leadership roles in these organizations and how their activity benefited the profession.
- Local Community Work
 - a. Share how they are involved in their local community.
 - b. Briefly describe the impact the nominee's leadership has had on these organizations and/or the local community.
- State and National Activities
 - a. Describe the areas in which they have achieved success on station and national scope, if they differ from those activities listed above.

Letter of recommendations or supporting documents are welcome in this section.

Section 4: Disclosure

Please disclose any potential or perceived, concerns or conflicts of interest that might arise with this nomination or the time line of this process that the committee should be aware of. Examples include but are not limited to: sense of urgency due to failing health, political nature, perceived unfair advantages due to connections associated with business or family etc.

Section 5: Further Consideration

If the nomination is not successful, the nominee will be considered for two more years before the nomination would need to be resubmitted. Would you like to be notified of suggestions/comments if your nomination is not successful after the first year?

Choose or circle one option:

- Yes
- No

Section 6: Nominator Information

The nominator will receive confirmation that their submission has been received. The nominator will receive word from the Purdue Ag Alumni Association in December after the selection committee makes their decision if their candidate was selected this year or if their submission will be kept on file for two more years. The nominee will only be notified if they are selected to receive the award, after the nominator is notified first.

- Nominator Name:
- Nominator E-mail:
- Nominator Phone Number:
- Nominator Mailing Address: