



# Teacher of the year

This award includes a trip to the USDA National AITC Conference in Orlando, Florida, June, 2023. The IAA Foundation provides lodging, basic conference registration (no pre- or post-conference), and transportation. The conference registration includes most meal costs during the conference. This award is non-transferable, and the stipend is only issued to the teacher attending the National Conference.

Nominations are due September 16, 2022, and a winner will be chosen and notified by October 28, 2022. The winner receives a plaque recognizing them as the IAITC Teacher of the Year, and press releases to the local media are coordinated by IFB. Our winner is the nominee for the USDA AITC Excellence in Teaching About Agriculture Award, and our Runner Up is the nominee for the AFBF White-Reinhard Grant.

The nomination format closely aligns the Illinois award with the National nomination form. Nominators need the teacher's assistance in completing the essay components.

You can find the application and more information on the blog page under Coordinator Training!

# Volunteer of the year

Nominations for the award are due by 4:00 PM on September 16, 2022.

The "Volunteer" award is presented to county volunteer members who have done an outstanding job with Agriculture in the Classroom and ag literacy efforts. This award is not for paid AITC Coordinators or paid Ag Literacy Coordinators.

Your nomination form should detail the volunteer's contributions including:

- brief introduction of your nominee
- activities and/or programs carried out
- age group of audience targeted
- number of students reached by efforts
- program or activity's message to audience
- number of years nominee has been active with AITC efforts

All nominations are judged on outstanding leadership and commitment in teaching school children about the importance of agriculture in our lives. The award will be presented at the IAA Annual Meeting in December. Since this award program began in 1983, 97 individuals have been recognized for their contribution to the ag literacy effort. Why not add one from your county this year?

*Apply Here:*

<https://iaitc.co/VOTY>

