

2023 NACAA Awards Submission Information

Achievement Award, Distinguished Service Award, Hall of Fame

The National Association of County Agricultural Agents, NACAA, will recognize state **Achievement Award (AA)**, **Distinguish Service Award (DSA)** and **Hall of Fame (HOF)** recipients at the 2023 Annual Meeting / Professional Improvement Conference. Tennessee is eligible to select three DSA recipients and three AA recipients for recognition. Nominees **must** attend the respective Awards Ceremonies at the AM/PIC in Des Moines, Iowa August 12-17, 2023 to receive their national awards. This means AA winners **must** attend the morning breakfast and DSA, HOF **must** attend the banquet. AA's are encouraged to attend the banquet and are recognized but the banquet is **NOT** their award ceremony. Please make sure award winners plan their trip accordingly!

Requirement to apply for any member in good standing

- AA- who has more than three (3) but less than ten (10) years' experience is eligible to apply for the AA award
 - When calculating Years of Service for an award, it would be as of March 15, 2023 for the 2023 awards.
- DSA- Members with more than 10 years' experience may apply for the DSA award.
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- Hall of Fame- All current and life members of the National Association of County Agricultural Agents are eligible, except previous winners. The candidate must have previously been awarded the Distinguished Service Award (DSA)

If you plan to apply, please email me your intentions at shannon@tennessee.edu by December 20th. Online applications due on-line at NACAA **by January 2nd** use the link below to apply:

AA & DSA awards website: <http://www.nacaa.com/awards/general.php>

Hall of Fame Award link http://www.nacaa.com/awards/hof_req.php

This link provides downloadable award applications and additional information on these awards and the upcoming NACAA meetings.

In order to receive these awards **you must be prepared to attend both the following events**

- Banquet at the TAAA&S State Meeting June 21-23 Paris Landing, Tennessee
- Perspective award ceremonies NACAA AM/PIC August 12-17 in Des Moines, Iowa

Again, if you are interested and/or have questions please contact Shannon Dewitt via e-mail shannon@tennessee.edu

Headshot Requirements

- Your headshot must be in **business professional attire** of your head and shoulders shot on a light colored background. (Remember these will be printed in the banquet program).
 - Examples of Business Professional Attire are listed here:
 - Women: <https://liveutk.sharepoint.com/sites/UTIA/EXT/county-director-toolkit/Shared%20Documents/Professional-Dress-Levels-Women.pdf>
 - Men: <https://liveutk.sharepoint.com/sites/UTIA/EXT/county-director-toolkit/Shared%20Documents/Professional-Dress-Levels-Men.pdf>
- NO hats in the picture
- Ensure the background is light and does not distract from your headshot

ALSO, please make plans to **select recipients of Outstanding Agent(s), Friend of Extension nominees, etc. within your region.** This should be done as early as possible at your winter/spring regional meetings in order to prepare for our 2023 AMPIC and TAAA&S State Meeting next year. Please coordinate this with your region officers and let us know if we may be of assistance.