



## **TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE DISTINGUISHED TEXAN IN AGRICULTURE AWARD**

The agricultural and life sciences teaching, research, extension and service entities within Texas A&M AgriLife of The Texas A&M University System have a proud history of training leaders and providing leadership for the agricultural, life sciences and natural resources sectors. It is this strong tradition that distinguishes Texas A&M AgriLife throughout the nation and many other parts of the world.

Texas has a rich heritage of leaders who have devoted their life to providing leadership. It is, therefore, fitting to recognize the efforts of Texans who have gained unique distinction for outstanding leadership and achievements on behalf of the Texas agricultural industry. The Distinguished Texan in Agriculture Award recognizes those Texans who distinguish themselves by reaching a significant level of accomplishment and who possess the highest standards of integrity and character.

### **Purpose**

The purpose of the Distinguished Texan in Agriculture Award is to recognize and honor agricultural leaders in Texas for their outstanding leadership and significant contributions to Texas agriculture, life sciences or natural resources.

### **Criteria for Selection**

The following criteria shall be used in the selection process:

The recipient shall:

1. Have attained prominence through his/her efforts in agriculture, life sciences or natural resources on behalf of the State of Texas.
2. Possess integrity, stature and demonstrated ability that merit the recognition of a proven leader in the field of agriculture, natural resources, life sciences or other related areas of science.
3. Have a record of impressive accomplishments which indicate significant achievements and contributions at the state, national and/or international level.

### **Eligibility**

Posthumous nominations are welcomed. Current members of the faculty or professional staff of Texas A&M AgriLife or the Texas A&M University System are ineligible for this award. Sitting elected officials are also ineligible.

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**Method of Nomination**

A nomination may be submitted by any of the following individuals or groups: any member of the Texas A&M University System faculty or staff; industry associations; or any friend of Texas A&M AgriLife.

Each letter of nomination must include the following:

- Nominee's name, home and/or business mailing address and telephone.
- Education (including a listing of schools with dates of attendance, degrees received, including honorary degrees).
- Business, public service and professional awards.
- Noteworthy research, inventions, publications or professional/business accomplishments.
- Brief citation (not more than 200 words) which describes the nominee's accomplishments as they relate to his/her contributions on behalf of the Texas agricultural industry and community.

Nominations which are not selected during the year in which the nomination is submitted will be carried forward for two (2) additional years and considered for a total of three (3) years (*Adopted July, 1993*). Letters of support from friends and colleagues are encouraged and welcomed. Nominations are limited to no more than three (3) letters of support (*adopted November, 1996*).

**Selection Advisory Committee** (*amended July, 2009*)

An anonymous committee will review all nominations submitted for the annual Distinguished Texan in Agriculture Award.

**Award and Presentation**

At least one (1) and no more than three (3) awards may be presented each year at an appropriate prestigious occasion. The award shall consist of a framed medallion citing the individual's accomplishments and permanent recognition on the honor board at the Agriculture and Life Sciences complex.

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