

2009 NDSU Extension Service Excellence in Extension Awards

Two awards have been established by the NDSU Extension Service to recognize exceptional performance by professional educators. The award categories are ***Myron and Muriel Johnsrud Excellence in Extension/Outreach*** and ***AGSCO Excellence in Extension***.

Attached are criteria for submitting nominations in each of the categories. Use the criteria page as a cover sheet for each nomination. Do not use three-ring notebooks - simply bind with staple or clip.

If you have questions about the award category for which an individual is eligible to be nominated, please contact the Office of the Vice President for Agriculture and University Extension at 231-7656.

Six copies (original plus five) of each nomination should be submitted no later than Friday, November 20. Submit nominations to the Office of the Vice President, Morrill 314, or mail to NDSU Dept. 7520, P.O. Box 6050, Fargo, ND 58108-6050.

All nominees will be recognized at an awards ceremony December 15 at the NDSU Alumni Center. The recipient of the 2009 Johnsrud Award will receive a \$1,000 professional development stipend that will be matched by Extension Administration. The recipient of the 2009 AGSCO Award will receive a \$1,000 honorarium.

NDSU Extension Service
2009 Myron and Muriel Johnsrud Excellence in Extension/Outreach Award

This annual professional development award is to encourage and reward exceptional engagement in programming and innovative Extension/outreach practices. All full-time county, area and state professional educators who have appointments with the NDSU Extension Service and 10 or fewer years of professional experience are eligible for nomination. Years of professional experience should be calculated to include work experience in a professional position prior to being hired by the NDSU Extension Service AND as an NDSU Extension Service employee.

Criteria: Nominees will be evaluated on their demonstrated excellence in engaging with citizens and relevant university and non-university colleagues as they plan, conduct and evaluate Extension educational programs that make a significant difference in the lives and communities of North Dakotans. Consideration will be given to:

- § the degree to which citizen and relevant university and non-university colleague input is utilized to identify program needs, and develop and conduct Extension educational programs;
- § the partnerships created as a result of programming;
- § the unique and pioneering approach taken in program development and delivery; and
- § the innovation, initiative, creativity and relationship to research base illustrated in programming.

Nomination should include

- § Copy of this page as a cover sheet.
- § Letter of nomination that states the award category for which the individual is nominated and addresses the above criteria citing specific examples for each point.
- § Nominee's vita.
- § Three letters of support (one from an agent, one from an area or state specialist, and one from a program participant or new program partner).
- § A limited number of additional supporting documents, such as program materials and/or related EARS reports.

Note: This stipend award is to be used to support professional development activities of the recipient. Expenditure of the stipend is to take place within 24 months.

Nominee's name and position title _____

Name and title of nominator _____

Signature of nominator _____

Date _____

Submit six copies (original plus five) of each nomination to the Office of the Vice President, 314 Morrill Hall, or mail to NDSU Dept. 7520, P.O. Box 6050, Fargo, ND 58108-6050 no later than 5 p.m., Friday, November 20, 2009.