



KWIA Award Nomination Form

Kentucky Women in Agriculture is committed to empowering and recognizing outstanding women across the Bluegrass who impact the agricultural industry, farming community, and strive for a better quality of life. There are numerous awards available to recognize amazing KWIA members and those who may not be members, but make significant contributions to their community, region, state, and nation.

Thank you for taking the time to nominate those outstanding individuals who inspire and work to create a better Commonwealth and promote the agricultural industry.

- **Laura Clay Award**

The Laura Clay Award is the highest honor of recognition from Kentucky Women in Agriculture. Named after Kentuckian Laura Clay in honor of her work towards women's rights, education, and agriculture. Clay was notably one of the first women to receive Presidential Nomination from a major political party.

In the spirit of Ms. Clay, KWIA may award this honor to women who have made significant contributions to agriculture, education, and women's rights, in their communities and across the Commonwealth. This award does not require membership and may be awarded to a KWIA member, legislators, journalists, leaders, etc.

- **KWIA Woman of the Year**

The KWIA Woman of the Year may recognize a member who encompasses creativity, ingenuity, and who is considered a community leader among her peers in Agriculture.

- **KWIA Entrepreneur of the Year**

The KWIA Entrepreneur of the Year may recognize a member who has started in a new agriculture production or business venture in the past 3 years.

- **Outstanding New KWIA Member Award**

KWIA may recognize an outstanding member of KWIA who has been a member for 3 years or less and has demonstrated extraordinary insight and support.

- **Continued Excellence Award**

The Continued Excellence Award may be awarded to recognize an outstanding Kentucky Women in Agriculture Member who has made significant strides to improve agriculture or the Kentucky Women in Agriculture Organization over the course of 10 years or longer, and who has been a member of KWIA for at least 5 years.

- **KWIA Big Sister Award**

The KWIA Big Sister Award may be presented to a member who is recognized as a mentor and routinely supports and lifts others within the membership to improve themselves as well as the agriculture community.

- * **KWIA President's Award**

This award will be awarded at the discretion of the sitting President and strives to recognize an unsung individual who puts the members of KWIA and others before herself. This award is not necessarily awarded every year. This award does not require a nomination.

- **KWIA Star District Award**

Awarded to the Outstanding District, who, by their own submission, reports their outreach activities, including but not limited to meetings, outreach events, educational meetings, number of district members, new members for the current year and social media activities. This award shall strive to recognize the KWIA team efforts at the local level.

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Submittal Deadline: September 1, 2023

Award Being Nominated for:

KWIA Member Submitting Nomination:

Your Name: First/Last/MI _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____

Zip Code _____

Email Address _____

Contact Phone Number _____

KWIA Award Nominee Name:

First/Last/MI _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____

Zip Code _____

Email Address _____

Contact Phone Number _____

If possible, please provide a brief bio of the Nominee:

Nomination Essay

Please tell us why you believe this person should be considered for the selected award.

Specific stories and examples are appreciated.

What is one word that you think best describes the nominee, and how does this word apply to the award being nominated for?

- Give specific examples of the nominee's accomplishments towards meeting the award criteria. 750 words or less. Please, use an additional page if needed.

All award recipients will be announced and honored at the annual conference awards luncheon. Award recipient names are kept secret until announced at the luncheon by the KWIA President. If a recipient is not registered to be in attendance at the conference, said recipient will be notified by the President of this honor and invited to the luncheon to be honored in person.

Directions for Nomination Submission:

Email all pages to: Kentuckywomeninag@gmail.com

or by mail to

Kentucky Women In Agriculture

P.O. Box 4099

Lexington, Ky 45044

If you are in need of additional information please send an email to:
kentuckywomeninag@gmail.com

Confirmation of receiving nomination will be sent by email to the nominating member.