

OFFICIAL RULES – Nebraska Golden Owl Award® Contest

These are the Official Rules of the Nebraska Golden Owl Award Contest (“Contest”). The Contest is co-sponsored by the Nebraska Agriculture Education Association (NAEA), 106 Marie Street, Atkinson, NE 68713 and Nebraska FFA Foundation (NE FFA FD), PO Box 94942, Lincoln, NE 68526 and Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company (“Nationwide”), One Nationwide Plaza, Columbus, Ohio 43215. (Collectively, “Sponsors” or “Promotional Entities”)

NO PURCHASE IS NECESSARY TO ENTER OR WIN. A PURCHASE WILL NOT INCREASE YOUR CHANCES OF WINNING.

ELIGIBILITY

Nominees must be Nebraska-licensed educators currently teaching agricultural education courses at the secondary (middle/high school) and a member of the Nebraska Agriculture Education Association. **No purchase is necessary.**

Nominations can be submitted by the general public, current or former students, parents, fellow educators, school administrators and community members.

TEACHERS MAY NOT SELF-NOMINATE.

PREVIOUS YEAR’S WINNER IS EXCLUDED FROM THIS YEAR’S CONTEST. NOMINATIONS FOR THIS TEACHER WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Employees, affiliates, subsidiaries, advertising and promotion agencies, and any entity involved in the development, production, implementation, administration or fulfillment of the Contest and their immediate family members and/or those living in the same household of such persons, whether related or not, are not eligible to enter the Contest.

HOW TO ENTER

The Nomination period begins October 1, 2022 and ends December 31, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. CST (“Nomination Period”).

To enter, provide your and the ag teacher’s contact information, including an essay (1000 words or less) describing how the teacher’s dedication to agriculture education, and commitment and impact on today’s youth make the teacher the best in the state.

Nominations can be completed online at [Nebraska Golden Owl/Nebraska Outstanding Agricultural Educator of the Year](#).

Entry constitutes consent to participate in the Contest and for the NAEA and NE FFA FD to obtain, use, and transfer the entrant’s name, address and other details for Contest administration purposes. NAEA and NE FFA FD will not be responsible for lost, incomplete, illegible, late, misdirected, stolen, or mutilated entries; technical or mechanical malfunctions; errors in the Official Rules, in any related ads or materials; or processing error. NAEA and NE FFA FD can void the entry of any Entrant who it believes has attempted to

tamper with or impair Contest administration, security, fairness, or proper play.

HONOREE DETERMINATION

Six (6) Honorees will be selected by an established committee.

Nominations will be judged based on the following criteria:

1. Teacher’s dedication to agriculture education
2. Teacher’s commitment to his/her student(s)
3. Teacher’s impact on his/her student(s)

In the event of a tie, the teacher receiving the highest number of nominations shall be selected as Honoree, as determined by the selection committee.

The Honorees will be notified no later than March 15, 2023.

GRAND PRIZE WINNER DETERMINATION

Each of the six (6) Honorees will be required to complete the NAEA Outstanding Teacher Application form to be eligible for the Outstanding Teacher of the Year/Golden Owl Award winner. The completed form is due no later than April 15, 2023.

The committee will review nominations and forms submitted. The committee will deliberate and make their final selection for the Outstanding Teacher of the Year/Golden Owl Award winner.

During the NAEA Annual Banquet, at Nebraska Career and Tech Ed conference, in June, the new Nebraska Outstanding Agricultural Educator of the Year/Golden Owl Award Winner will be announced.

If a Prize winner is not eligible to win, or if the NAEA/NE FFA FD is unable to contact the winner after a reasonable effort, the prize will be forfeited, and an alternate winner may be selected. Odds of winning depend on the number of eligible entries received.

HONOREES MUST BE PRESENT AT THE NAEA ANNUAL BANQUET FOR A CHANCE TO WIN.

SPONSORS ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR TRAVEL-RELATED EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH PRIZE ACCEPTANCE.

PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

1. One (1) Grand Prize Winner: Trophy and \$3,000 cash prize
2. Six (6) Honorees: Plaque and \$500 cash prize to honoree
3. All nominees: Paper certificate

Prizes are non-transferable, and no substitution will be made except as provided herein at the Sponsors’ sole discretion. Sponsors reserve the right to substitute a prize for one of equal or greater value if the designated prize should become

unavailable for any reason. Winners are responsible for all taxes and fees associated with prize receipt and/or use.

If requested, winners must execute and return an Affidavit of Eligibility, Liability Release and (where legal) Publicity Release within three days of notification. Failure to do so may result in disqualification, forfeiture, or award to alternate winner.

GENERAL RULES

The Contest is governed by and subject to the laws of the United States and the state of Nebraska.

All federal, state and local laws and regulations apply. Void where prohibited by law. Prize Winners may receive an IRS 1099 form for the value of their prizes. By participating in the Contest and/or accepting any prize, Entrants grant the Promotion Entities permission to use their name, likenesses, and image in connection with the Contest for purposes of advertising, publicity and promotion purposes, without further compensation to the entrant, unless prohibited by law. Entrants agree to be bound by the Official Rules and the decisions of the judges, which are final and binding on all matters relating to the Contest. The Promotion Entities are not responsible for any typographical or other errors in the printing of the offer, administration of the Contest or the announcement of the prizes, or for lost, late, misdirected, damaged, incomplete or illegal entries.

The Promotion Entities reserve the right at their sole discretion to disqualify any Entrant found to be (a) tampering or attempting to tamper with the entry process or (b) violating the Official Rules.

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DISPUTES/GOVERNING LAW

Except where prohibited, as a condition of participating in this Contest, Entrant agrees that any and all disputes that cannot be resolved between the parties, and all claims and causes of action arising out of or connected with this Contest, or any prize awarded, or the determination of winner shall be resolved individually, without resort to any form of class action. Further, in any such dispute, under no circumstances will Entrant be permitted to obtain awards for, and hereby waives all rights to claim punitive, incidental or consequential damages, or any other damages, including attorneys' fees, and Entrant further waives all rights to have damages multiplied or increased.

All issues and questions rights and obligations of Entrant in connection with this Contest shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of Nebraska, without giving effect to the conflict of laws rules thereof.

PRIVACY

By entering the Contest, you agree to the terms and conditions described in the Nationwide Privacy Policy, located at <http://nationwide.com/nw/privacy>.

WINNER LIST

For a list of Prize winners, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Golden Owl Award Request, Nebraska FFA Foundation, PO Box 94942, Lincoln, NE 68509. .