



## **KAAE Ideas Unlimited Award**

### **Purpose for the Award**

The Ideas Unlimited award is designed to give members an opportunity to exchange classroom, SAE, leadership, and other teaching ideas. Teachers constantly are discovering ways to make classes more engaging, increase efficiency of processes, communicate with stakeholders, and ensure agricultural education is relevant. Ideas submitted for this award may be original or borrowed. The Kentucky Association of Agricultural Educators is the sponsor of the Ideas Unlimited Award.

### **Awards and Recognition**

The state winner will receive a certificate at the KAAE Awards and Business Session during the annual CTE Summer Program. Additionally, they will be provided a travel stipend not to exceed \$400 to attend the Region IV NAAE Conference. Stipend will be provided upon return from the Region IV Conference.

Press releases will be prepared and supplied to local and state media outlets.

### **Eligibility**

All active KAAE members who are teaching agricultural education are eligible to enter this competition. In addition, each applicant must have been a NAAE member the three (3) previous years or continuously since he/she began teaching.

The state winner must agree to present virtually, then the regional winner of Ideas Unlimited will be selected. Regional winners must agree to attend and present Snap Learning spot workshop at the NAAE convention.

An individual may only submit one idea each year.

**The deadline for submitting applications is April 1. All applications must be submitted online. No printed or emailed applications will be accepted.**

## Award Application Instructions

- 1. Applicant and Press Release Information** – the first portion of the application must be completed online. No other cover pages should be included.

*All items listed below should be saved as electronic files and uploaded to the online application form. Printed copies of the items below will not be accepted. Supported file types include .pdf, .doc, .txt, .jpg, .png, .gif, .tif, or .bmp.*

- 2. Narrative** - The narrative is limited to three 8 1/2" x 11" pages. The narrative must be typewritten and submitted in electronic form. Use a font no smaller than 12 points. Multiple text formats are acceptable, including paragraphs, lists, and tables. The narrative must follow the outline specified as follows:
  - Overview - brief description of idea and how it is unique, fresh, or novel in agricultural education (55%)
  - Practicality of Idea - brief reflection of how the idea's appeal would be widespread and have application to teaching agricultural education. (15%)
  - Adaptability of Instruction - brief explanation as to the usefulness and feasibility of the idea for other agricultural educators. (15) %
  - Instructional Value - brief explanation of how the idea would serve the purpose of developing the integration of academic components which may include math, science, and communications in agricultural education. (15%)
- 3. Photos of Idea**- High resolution photo(s) in .jpeg, .png, .bmp, .jpg, or .tif form can be submitted in electronic form as part of the application, with a limit of two pictures. This component is optional.

### **Submission**

All information and documents must be submitted via the online application form. [Click here](#) to access the application. This form allows an applicant to edit after submission, provided the deadline has not passed.

### **Evaluation**

The KAAE Professional Growth and Awards Committee will oversee the evaluation of all applications, including selecting individuals to serve as evaluators. Evaluation will take place during the State Paperwork Day held in April, or at a time set by KAAE leadership.

A rubric, which can be accessed by [clicking here](#), will be used in scoring all applications.

### **National-Level Participation**

The state winner will be informed of their selection in April immediately after applications have been evaluated. The state winner will be Kentucky's representative at the Region IV NAAE Conference, which is held in June.

The state winner will complete the NAAE application by May 15. More information can be found on [NAAE's Awards and Professional Development Opportunities](#) page.

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