

JCEP Professional of the Year (POY) Award

The Joint Council of Extension Professionals (JCEP) sponsors the Professional of the Year Award annually to encourage and recognize experienced and successful Extension professionals for their long-term commitment to developing outstanding interdisciplinary programs.

AWARD

One award of \$1000 and one plaque will be presented to an extension professional from each JCEP organization (ANREP, ESP, NACDEP, NACAA, NAE4-HA, and NEAFCS) a maximum of six (6) awards per calendar year.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this award is to recognize individuals who demonstrate successful interdisciplinary partnerships across many program areas with colleagues and stakeholders for consistent programs of excellence for a significant part of their extension career. Impact at the local, regional, state or national level is essential.

This award's intent is to be an award of excellence, not a lifetime award.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Nominations must be submitted by an active member of one of the six participating JCEP organizations (ANREP, ESP, NACDEP, NACAA, NAE4-HA, and NEAFCS).
2. High quality programming must cover several years of an Extension Agent/Educator/Specialists career, and must include some programs/projects that have been conducted within the past three years.
3. Programs/projects must have involved at least two or more different program areas (i.e. agriculture, 4-H Youth Development, family and consumer science, natural resources or community development) over the course of the application.
4. Nominee/applicant must be a current member of at least one of the national Extension professional organizations and be currently employed by Extension. The winner must be present at their national association's annual meeting and present on their programming achievements in order to receive the award.
5. There is no limit on the number of entries from any one state.

DUE DATE

All nominations/applications must be submitted electronically using the online submission form at: www.jcep.org. All applications must be submitted no later than 11:59 pm EST on February 28st of the calendar year to be considered. Any nomination submitted after the deadline will not be considered.

APPLICATION

- 1) Nominator's Contact Information
 - a) Name
 - b) Association
 - c) Address
 - d) Phone
 - e) Email
- 2) Nominee's Contact Information – Provide all current information necessary to identify and communicate directly with the nominee.
 - a) Name
 - b) Association
 - c) Address
 - d) Phone
 - e) Email
- 3) Nominee eligibility
 - a) Nominee/applicant is submitting this for which for which section:
 - i) ANREP
 - ii) ESP
 - iii) NACDEP
 - iv) NACAA
 - v) NAE4-HA
 - vi) NEAFCS
 - b) Employed by:
 - c) Title:
 - d) Academic Rank:
- 4) Abstract (150 words maximum). The abstract summarizes the experience and success of the nominee
- 5) Letter of nomination (1000 words maximum). The letter of nomination should explain the nominee's worthiness of the recognition, and highlight key aspects of his/her work that addresses the nominee's qualifications. Remember the goal of the recognition is to acknowledge and reward experienced and successful Extension professionals who have had impact in their programs. The letter should address the following components.
 - Leadership, Vision and Relevance – Provide insight into the nominee's efforts and ability to provide leadership and vision in Extension through

- innovative programs. Include examples that demonstrate leadership, vision and relevance of their work.
- Teamwork, Interdisciplinary Focus – Document the nominee's abilities to engage others (both internal and external to Extension) in carrying out extension work. Describe the nominee's role in the process and how they engage others. Describe how they have engaged two or more program areas (i.e. agriculture, 4-H Youth Development, family and consumer science, natural resources or community development).
 - Impacts and Accomplishments – Highlight the impacts and accomplishments of the nominee's work upon the target audience(s) reached. Describe the impact of the nominee's work, including how they have addressed the needs of diverse audiences.
- 6) Supplementary materials are optional and limited to six (6) pages. This may include pictures, new clippings or letters.
 - 7) Each application must be accompanied by 3 letters of recommendation, including one from the state Dean/Director of Extension; a member of the state/national association familiar with the applicant's work; and/or stakeholders or strategic partner's familiar with the applicant's successful programming or partnerships.
 - 8) Submit complete application electronically via the JCEP web site.
 - 9) Any nomination/application not following the above guidelines will be eliminated from consideration for this award.

JUDGING

Judging will be based on the following criteria:

1 - Scope and length of time of teamwork and collaboration among Extension colleagues and external partners.	(0-30pts)
2 - Successful outcomes/results/impacts related to measurable goals and clientele based objectives	(0-30pts)
3 - Diversity addressed	(0-15pts)
4 - Innovative design to meet programming needs	(0-15pts)
5 - Justification for program issue needs (situational statement)	(0-5pts)
6 - Quality of application including format and neatness	(0-5pts)
Total Points from all categories	100 pts.

One winner per association will be selected. The award recipient will receive \$1,000 and a plaque at their National Association's Annual Meeting, and will be required to make a presentation on their programming achievements at their Annual Meeting. They must be an active member of their association and be present at their Annual Meeting to receive the award.

Guidelines, Developed, July 2013