



The Honor Society of Agriculture
Gamma Sigma Delta
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Award Criteria

1. *Senior Faculty Award of Merit.* The Awards Committee may submit nominee(s) from the faculty of the College of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Design for the Senior Faculty Award of Merit. The following criteria or equivalent should serve as a guideline in the selection process.
 - a) Must be an active member.
 - b) Must have been professionally employed by West Virginia University for a minimum of three years.
 - c) Must be tenured.
 - d) Has advised undergraduate and/or graduate students.
 - e) Has taught undergraduate and/or graduate level courses or equivalent.
 - f) Has conducted appropriate research for his/her discipline.
 - g) Has published or exhibited in appropriate journals, magazines, monographs, bulletins, venues, etc.
 - h) Has provided service to the College, University and State.

2. *Junior Faculty Award of Merit.* The Awards Committee may submit a nominee from the faculty of the College of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Design for the Junior Faculty Award of Merit. The following criteria or equivalent should serve as a guideline in the selection process.
 - a) Must be an active member.
 - b) Must have been professionally employed by WVU for a minimum of three years.
 - c) Has not been awarded tenure.
 - d) Has advised undergraduate and/or graduate students.
 - e) Has taught undergraduate and/or graduate level courses or equivalent.
 - f) Has conducted appropriate research or creative endeavors for his/her discipline.
 - g) Has published or exhibited in appropriate journals, magazines, monographs, bulletins, venues, etc.
 - h) Has provided service to the College, University and State.

3. *Extension Faculty Award of Merit.* The Awards Committee may submit names from the currently employed faculty of Extension for the Extension Faculty Certificate of Merit. This award is intended to recognize those individuals who have provided outstanding service to agriculture, forestry, and family and consumer sciences, its related industries, or administrative function. The following criteria or equivalent should serve as a guideline in the selection process.
 - a) Must be an active member.
 - b) Must have been professionally employed by WVU Extension Service for a minimum of three years.
 - c) Has conducted appropriate teaching and research for his/her discipline.
 - d) Has provided service to the College, University and State.
 - e) Has published in appropriate journals, magazines, monographs, bulletins, etc.
 - f) Is not eligible to receive the Junior or Senior Faculty Award of Merit.
4. *Certificate of Recognition for Contributions to the College of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Design.* The Awards Committee may each year submit the name of a worthy faculty member, excluding the faculty of the College of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Design, to be awarded a Certificate of Recognition. The final determination and selection of such an awardee will be made at the Annual Business Meeting. The award will be limited to one University faculty member each year. The faculty member may be involved in either a graduate or undergraduate program.
5. *Award for Distinguished Service to the Chapter.* Awards Committee may each year submit the name of an individual who has rendered outstanding service to the West Virginia Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta. This award should be limited to one recipient per year.
6. *Gamma Sigma Delta Award for Distinguished Service to West Virginia Agriculture, Natural Resources and Design.*
 - a) The purpose of this Award is to enable the West Virginia Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta to honor outstanding contributions to agriculture, natural resources and design by persons who may or may not be eligible for membership. This award is intended for non-faculty members except in very unusual cases.
 - b) Such outstanding contributions may have been in any field provided they were directly or indirectly related to agriculture, forestry, or family and consumer sciences.
 - c) The recipient(s) of this award must be a resident(s) of West Virginia.
 - d) The recipient(s) of the award will be chosen in the following manner. The Awards Committee shall select one or more candidates. The candidate(s) will be presented to the Chapter at the Annual Business Meeting and one will be chosen by vote. A second worthy candidate may be selected by the same voting process if the membership deems appropriate.
 - e) Nominations for the Gamma Sigma Delta Award for Distinguished Service to West Virginia Agriculture, Natural Resources and Design should be solicited from past recipients of the award as well as from chapter members. The nomination process would be the same as per other award categories except that a resume would not be required.