



## UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

College of Family and Consumer Sciences

### Thomas F. Rodgers Outreach County Agent Award

#### **Purpose**

To recognize exceptional creativity and scholarship in the development, application, and evaluation of outreach and public service programs.

#### **Eligibility**

Eligibility for the award shall be limited to county agents and professional staff (e.g., Educational Program Specialists) who have been employed in those position categories for at least three years.

Past recipients are not eligible for the subsequent three years.

#### **Nominations**

Each District of UGA Extension is eligible to nominate one person for the FACS Outreach Agent Award:

- Northwest District
- Northeast District
- Southwest District
- Southeast District

#### **How to nominate**

Each district listed above shall develop its own procedure for identifying all potentially qualified applicants. One nomination from each district will be accepted.

Each district's nomination packet should include:

1. One (1) internal letter of nomination. Nomination letter detailing the nominee's outstanding achievements in the areas of extension, outreach, and public service. The letter of support should draw attention to the significance of the individual's work related to the award criteria.
2. One (1) external letter of support. This letter from someone outside the unit/department should be selected based on the logic of the award, e.g., student letter for teaching or advising award or mentoring research; alumni letter (former student); constituent or beneficiary for a public service and outreach and Extension award; peer or colleague researcher for research award; etc. The letter of support should draw attention to the significance of the individual's work related to the award criteria.
3. Updated curriculum vitae. Abbreviated vitae highlighting accomplishments demonstrating excellence as related to the award criteria. (20-page limit).
4. Three to five examples of relevant supporting material documenting program impact showing short, medium, or long-term outcomes. Examples of supporting material include impact statements, outcome reports, documentation of success stories, journal articles, curricula, and papers presented.

Nominations can roll over for up to three (3) years. The district must email [facdean@uga.edu](mailto:facdean@uga.edu) by the award deadline each year to confirm if a nomination is being rolled forward for consideration. Letters of support do not have to be updated yearly. It is at the district's discretion to replace letters of support.

The recipient will be recognized at the annual Celebrating Excellence Awards Luncheon with a plaque and shall receive a cash award. A plaque containing the names of honorees will be placed in Dawson Hall.

### **Criteria**

1. Superior quality and innovative approaches to delivery program with maximum benefit to audience, community, and stakeholders.
2. Successful leadership in identifying and initiating programs and initiatives specifically targeted toward high-priority programs.
3. Effective communication of program results and impact.
4. Other evidence of support through partnerships, funding, and visibility of program reach and effectiveness.

### **Deadline**

January 30, 5:00 p.m.

### **Contact Information**

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