



New York Agriculture in the Classroom

# Teacher of the Year

Application Form  
Deadline: January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Each year, New York Agriculture in the Classroom recognizes an outstanding teacher who weaves agricultural lessons into his/her curriculum. The award is given to a teacher who best demonstrates how NYAITC, including *Kids Growing Food* gardens, Bluebird Project, Be Aware of Agriculture and other programs, has positively impacted his/her students. We will be evaluating applicants on the collaborative efforts with our major partners such as Farm Bureau, Cornell Cooperative Extension and Agri-business in your communities.

The 2010 recipient will be provided with registration, transportation, and accommodations for the national AITC conference in **Baltimore, Maryland June 24-26, 2010**. He or she will also receive a trophy and \$100 cash award, as well as recognition at Farm Bureau's annual meeting and in NYAITC Quarterly Newsletter and website.

To apply, please fill out and return the form below, download an application form from our web site: [www.nyaged.cornell.edu/aitc](http://www.nyaged.cornell.edu/aitc), or request an electronic copy by email at [hed24@cornell.edu](mailto:hed24@cornell.edu). Hand-written applications are acceptable.

**Please feel free to nominate yourself or other educators who you feel are deserving.** Do you know a teacher who would be a good candidate? Please encourage him or her to apply! AITC is looking forward to receiving and reviewing this years rounds of applications.

**Send it back!** Return completed hard copy applications and any enclosures to:

**NYAITC Teacher of the Year 2010**

**Cornell University**

**Department of Education**

**106 Kennedy Hall**

**Ithaca, NY 14853**

All New York State schoolteachers who have been involved with the NYAITC program, including *Kids Growing Food*.

**Questions?** Contact Ag in the Classroom Coordinator, Heather Davis: (607) 255-9253 or e-mail:

[hed24@cornell.edu](mailto:hed24@cornell.edu)



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Name of Teacher

Grade Level(s) Taught

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School Name

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School Street Address

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City

State

ZIP

County

School District

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School Phone

Home Phone

Cell Phone

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E-mail (please type or print clearly)

Web Site(s)

Involvement with NYAITC (including *KGF*):

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Let us know what you are doing in your classroom relating to agriculture. Use additional pages to fully answer all items.

1. Describe how you use NYAITC's program and/or materials, including *Kids Growing Food*. You may enclose photos. They will become property of NYAITC and may be used in upcoming electronic or print publications.
2. Describe three ways your students show evidence of understanding agriculture. Student work may be included. It becomes property of NYAITC.
3. How has involvement with NYAITC improved your classroom instruction or impacted your school?
4. Additional comments about your involvement with NYAITC, including *Kids Growing Food*.
5. Include at least one letter of recommendation from a colleague, school administrator or parent.

We look forward to hearing from you!

**Deadline: Friday, January 29th, 2010**