

2009 EPSILON SIGMA PHI AWARDS

State Certificate of Recognition

Outstanding Regional Extension Faculty (Woman)
Outstanding Regional Extension Faculty (Man)
Outstanding State Extension Faculty

Application should emphasize the nominee's success in program development, regional or campus activities, innovative methods used, use of evaluation, willingness to cooperate, and other successful activities. Contributions may be of a general nature or may be specific to Agriculture, 4-H/Youth Development, Human Environmental Sciences, Business/Industry, Community/Public Sector or Continuing Education. (Must be a member of Epsilon Sigma Phi)

Epsilon Sigma Phi State Friend of Extension Award - This is the highest award presented to a non-extension (lay) person and is designed to recognize truly outstanding support and personal involvement in Extension efforts over a period of time. Contributions may be of a general nature or specific to 4-H/Youth Development, Human Environmental Sciences, Business/Industry, Agriculture, Community/Public Sector or Continuing Education. (Recipient does not have to be an Epsilon Sigma Phi member.)

Distinguished Service Award - Recognizes experienced Extension professionals who consistently exhibit continuing leadership, initiative, and excellence in extension program planning, delivery, and evaluation in program, or in administration, on a state or regional basis, over a career of 20 or more years. Nomination submitted for national and regional consideration. (Must be a member of Epsilon Sigma Phi)

Mid-Career Service Award - Recognizes mid-career professionals who have shown outstanding competence in extension program planning, delivery, and evaluation in their subject matter or in administration, on a regional or state basis. Nominee must have 10 to 20 years of service in Extension. Nomination submitted for national and regional consideration. (Must be a member of Epsilon Sigma Phi.)

State Early Career Service Award - Recognizes the achievements of rising young professionals who have shown noteworthy enthusiasm, performance, and accomplishments during their early extension careers (less than 10 years) in program design and delivery. (Must be a member of Epsilon Sigma Phi)

State Retiree Service Award - Recognizes continuing contributions and outstanding service by retired Extension professionals. Describe the nominee's contributions to their professional field or their community since retirement. (Must be a member of Epsilon Sigma Phi)

State Meritorious Support Service Award - Recognizes university or extension state or regional staff, paraprofessionals or support staff who have significantly supported extension professionals or programs for a sustained period. (Recipient does not have to be an Epsilon Sigma Phi member.)

Team Award - Recognizes outstanding effort of extension staff teams in responding to and incorporating into a specific educational program one or more of the national initiatives

identified by the Cooperative Extension System. These initiatives focus on improved agricultural and other economic enterprises; safer, cleaner water, food, and air; enhanced stewardship and management of natural resources; healthier, more responsible and more productive individuals, families and communities; and a stable, secure, diverse and affordable national food supply. Nomination submitted for national and regional consideration. (One or more team members must be Epsilon Sigma Phi members.)

Visionary Leadership - Recognizes extension professionals whose significant accomplishments have resulted in leading extension forward in new directions. This person's visionary leadership should have enabled extension to anticipate a significant new opportunity and developed support to implement program organizational changes necessary to achieve success. (Recipient does not have to be an Epsilon Sigma Phi member.)

International Service Award - Recognizes extension professionals who have contributed significantly to the development and/or expansion of an Extension program in another country or countries through in-state and /or overseas work. (Must be a member of Epsilon Sigma Phi)

ESP Team Award Guidelines

In order to be successful at the regional level programs need to be on going efforts that show impact. Explaining who benefited and how individuals or communities were changed is a critical component of the nomination. Following are general guidelines for completing the nomination.

1. One or more team members must be a current Epsilon Sigma Phi member.
2. Each nomination should be a well-designed statement that makes the best possible presentation of the team's achievement, within the two-page space limitation (front and back, 8 ½ x 11 paper).
3. At the top of the first page clearly indicate the name of the state/chapter making the nomination, mention that this is a Team Award Nomination, give a title for the team's program, and list the names and staff titles of the team members. (The biographical information included in individual nominations is omitted for the Team Award nomination.)
4. The most important part of the nomination statement is the narrative summary (200 words or less) which should clearly explain the role that the team's program has played in preparing people and/or communities to deal with critical issues which address social, economic and/or environmental concerns. Following are the kinds of information to incorporate into the statement:
 - * The National Initiative(s) addressed;
 - * Resources involved -- team members, volunteers, agencies/cooperators and funds, supplies or equipment utilized;
 - * Methods used -- innovative or creative problem solving, educational or delivery methods, etc.; and
 - * Results -- who benefited, what were the impacts, how did lives or communities change, what are the implications for future programs, etc.?
5. Complete the nomination with a brief statement of support outlining why this project is being nominated for the Team Award. This is another chance to highlight impact.