UMEA Meritorious Award

**Applications due September 22, 2023**

The Meritorious Award recognizes the accomplishments of a single UMEA member based on both programmatic and non-programmatic contributions the member has made while working for Extension.

Nominees must have been with Extension at least 5 years and a member of UMEA for the past three consecutive years with dues for this year paid prior to January 31 of the award year. One Meritorious Service winner will be selected from the entire membership (field and campus) regardless of category/specialization. Cash award of $300 will be given to that winner to be used for their professional development. A member can only receive the award once in their MU Extension Career.

Nomination scoring is based on:

* 15% Program Summary (show significant work in program area)
* 30% Program Accomplishments (size, scope, changes, teamwork, new ideas, etc.)
* 10% Contributions Outside Program Area (teamwork, community, etc.)
* 10% Professional Development (UMEA, professional organizations, etc.)
* 10% Supporting Materials (media, brochures, pictures, etc.)
* 15% Overall Size and Depth of Programming
* 10% Overall Application

List a summary of nominee’s programs showing significant work this employee has done during his/her time in Extension (please limit to no more than 5 programs).

List key program accomplishments addressing the significant contributions of the nominee to his/her program area. The following are suggested topics to include:

* Size and scope of program
* Significant changes or additions made to the program
* New and innovative program ideas
* Teamwork efforts

List significant contributions nominee has made outside program area. The following are suggested topics to include:

* Teamwork efforts.
* Community Involvement

List nominee’s involvement with professional improvement activities including UMEA:

Include other supporting document (brochures, flyers, newspaper clippings, etc.).  Please be concise and include no more than 4 pages.