UMEA Staff Programming Award

**Applications due September 22, 2023**

The Staff Programming Award recognizes outstanding achievement by Extension staff members, including YPAs, NPAs and Youth Educators. To be eligible for this award the nominee **does not have to be a paid UMEA member** (see By-Laws for definition). The nominee must have been a staff member for no less than six months as of August 1 of the award year. Extension experience in other states is included in this period. Up to two (2) Staff Programming awards may be given providing a sufficient number of complete applications are received.

A region may nominate as many staff members as are eligible. Nominees can be self-nominated or colleagues can make nominations. A monetary award in the amount of $200 will be given to each winner to use for their professional improvement. Nominations will be scored by:

* 20% Collaboration (works inclusively to accomplish goals with coworkers, participants and program partners)
* 20% Communication (provides information clearly, ensuring participation)
* 20% Customer focus (understands and responds to customers’ needs)
* 20% Meets organizational requirements (submits proper paperwork in a timely manner and pursues professional development opportunities)
* 20% Overall application

Please submit a short essay addressing the significant contributions of the nominee to University of Missouri Extension programming.  The following are suggested topics to include (as mentioned above):

* Collaboration
* Communication
* Customer focus
* Meeting organizational requirements