

# Agriculture: Your Link to Life



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## 2026 Teacher of the Year Contest



**2025 Teacher of the Year**

**Lacie Pumphrey**

**West Clay Elementary, Clay County**

**"Representing Mississippi as the 2025 Farm Bureau Teacher of the Year is an incredible honor. I am passionate about using our school garden to teach not only academic standards but also essential life skills. Through agriculture, I have found a meaningful way to truly bring learning to life for my students"**

## ELIGIBILITY

### Mississippi Classroom Teachers Grades K-12

The Ag in the Classroom (AITC) Teacher of the Year award recognizes an exceptional educator who incorporates agricultural literacy into their classroom, inspiring students to understand and appreciate the importance of agriculture in their daily lives.

### Responsibilities of the Teacher of the Year

#### Presentation Requirement:

The selected teacher will be a featured presenter on the first day of the 2026 AITC Teacher Workshops.

He or she will teach one session during the two workshops.

#### Tour Participation:

The teacher will have the opportunity to attend one tour day of their choice during the workshops.

### Benefits of Being Selected

#### Grant Opportunities:

*The teacher will receive the following:*

- ◆ \$500 monetary award
- ◆ \$500 monetary award to be used in their classroom for agricultural education activities or resources.
- ◆ Transportation, registration, and one dinner meal will be paid for the teacher to attend the **National Agriculture in the Classroom Conference**.

#### ◆ National Recognition Opportunity:

The recipient is encouraged to apply for the **National Agriculture in the Classroom Teacher of the Year Award** to showcase their outstanding contributions to agricultural education. MS Farm Bureau Federation will only endorse the current Teacher of the year.

## GUIDELINES

- ◆ Candidates must demonstrate creativity and excellence in incorporating agricultural concepts into their teaching.
- ◆ Specific examples of agricultural education activities or lessons.
- ◆ The impact of these activities on student learning and engagement.
- ◆ Plans for utilizing the monetary award to enhance agricultural literacy in the classroom.
- ◆ Previous Teacher of the Year winners may apply again after 5 years.

**Teachers must submit a 250-300 word essay on a program or an activity that has been used in the classroom during the school year.**

The essay should highlight:

- ◆ Specific examples of agricultural education activities or lessons.
- ◆ The impact of these activities on student learning and engagement.
- ◆ Plans for utilizing the monetary award to enhance agricultural literacy in the classroom.

### Cover page must include:

Name Address, Telephone Number, & Email

County, School, & School Address

Grade Currently Teaching

Applicant's Signature

Principal's Signature

*By receiving this award, the teacher will serve as an ambassador for agricultural literacy, inspiring educators and students alike to recognize the importance of agriculture in everyday life.*



**Essay and cover page must be emailed to the**

**MS Farm Bureau office @**

**SWLC@msfb.org**

**Signatures must be included**

## DEADLINE

**April 15th, 2026**

Recipient will be notified soon after  
**April 17th, 2026.**

**Mark your calendar:**

**2026 Mississippi Farm Bureau**

**Ag in the Classroom**

**Teacher Workshops**

## Workshop Dates:

**June 2nd & 3rd, 2026—Wiggins, MS**

**June 4th & 5th, 2026—Nesbit, MS**

**DEADLINE TO REGISTER May 15th.**