

**College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences
2008-09
Guidelines for Outstanding Junior from Agricultural Sciences**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DEADLINE/ACTIVITY</u>
October 6, 2008	Announcements of Student Awards
January 6, 2009	Student Nominations Letters Due in Academic Programs
January 9, 2009	Students Notified by Academic Programs of Nomination
January 15, 2009	Students Must Notify Academic Programs if Accept or Decline
January 30, 2009	Deadline for Student Packet Submission
February 10, 2009	Deadline for Pictures of Student Nominees
April 4, 2009	Awards Banquet

The Outstanding Junior for Agriculture is to recognize the outstanding junior from the agricultural or natural resource sciences. The purpose of this award is to recognize outstanding scholastic, leadership, and professional achievements while an undergraduate student pursuing a career in agricultural and natural resource sciences at WSU.

A. Award Eligibility

The candidates must be juniors in their major in the college by January 2009.

Nomination by department chair, faculty or staff.

Qualifying majors include those in: Agricultural Communications, Agribusiness Economics and Management, Agricultural Business and Technology Systems, Agricultural Economics and Management, Agricultural Technology and Management, Agricultural Education, Animal Sciences, Crop Science, Environmental and Resource Economics and Management, Food Science, Forestry, Horticulture, Landscape Architecture, Integrated Pest Management, Landscape Architecture, Natural Resources, Organic Agriculture Systems, Pest Management Systems, Plant and Soil System, Soil Science, Wildlife Ecology.

A one-page letter from an appropriate nominator is requested that justifies the merit of the student nominee, and lists worthy accomplishments related to the particular award. Award descriptions can be found at <http://academic.cahnrs.wsu.edu/awards.htm>. We encourage each department to nominate worthy students enrolled in their majors. After receiving the nomination letter, a representative from Academic Programs will notify the student about their nomination. Each student will be asked to inform Academic Programs and their department chair as to whether they accept the nomination and are willing to submit a packet.

B. Nomination Packet Guidelines

Eleven (11) bound copies of the nomination application will be submitted to the Office of Academic Programs, Hulbert Hall 423.

Tab 1 Nomination cover page

Nomination Form including press, photo release, and short narrative about the candidate and his/her activities leading to the nomination that will be included in the Awards Program. This paragraph should not exceed 150 words Please submit an electronic copy of the narrative to Linda Bentley academic@cahnrs.wsu.edu by January 30, 2009 with the student's name and award in the subject line.

Pictures of the nominee are required for the Awards Banquet Program.

If departments arrange with the Veterinary Biomedical Communications Unit (BCU) to have a picture taken, they must submit an IRI to BCU. Academic Programs also will accept a high quality digital head shot i.e. mid-chest up submitted electronically to academic@cahnrs.wsu.edu with nominee's name and award in the subject line. **DEADLINE** for submitting pictures is **February 10, 2009**.

Tab 2 Candidate Materials

A comprehensive one-page written description by the candidate addressing "How did you choose your major, what excites you about your major field of study, and what opportunities have you had at WSU that will take you to your career?"

Unofficial transcript

Tab 3 Resume [limited to two (2) pages] in the following format:

Name

Address

Phone

E-mail

Activities

Department

College

University

Community

Honors

Department

College

University

Achievements

Department

College

University

Community

If community/public service activities are part of course requirements for college credit, such as internships, identify as such.

Do not include high school honors/activities.

Tab 4 **Letters of recommendation** (no more than three). One letter will be from the department chair or academic advisor; other two (2) can be from faculty, staff, or current/past employers. If the chair or director nominated the student, that letter can suffice for the required letter in this section. Letters will be limited to one (1) page each.

C. **Selection Process**

Applications will be reviewed and recommendations will be submitted to the Associate Dean, Academic Programs.

E. **Award Announcement**

Annual College Awards Banquet April 4, 2009.

Recipient will receive a \$1000 monetary award from Capital Press.