



2012 Bonnie Teater Community Development Educator Lifetime Achievement Award

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The Southern Rural Development Center is pleased to announce that nominations are being sought for the Bonnie Teater Community Development Educator Lifetime Achievement Award for 2012. The following provides specific information regarding this important award and the March 2, 2012, deadline for nominations to be received. The award is for superior lifetime work by an individual (not a team) who has made an important contribution to the Extension Community Development (CD) area. The award comes with a \$500 stipend.

Who is eligible: The nominee must meet the following conditions:

- Currently employed by one of the 29 land-grant universities located in the Southern Rural Development Center region;
- An administrator, specialist or agent who has worked in the Extension CD area for at least 10 years at the state, multi-county and/or county levels;
- NOTE: An individual who has retired within the past 12 months and who, at the time of his/her retirement, met the conditions outlined above, is eligible for consideration.

Nomination Process:

1. **Prepare the Primary Letter of Nomination:** A "Primary Letter of Nomination" is required from an Extension educator or administrator in the South (but not the nominee) who has an excellent command of the accomplishments of the nominee. This letter should not exceed 3-4 single-spaced pages in length (using 12 point font) and should represent a concise summary of why the nominee is worthy of the award. The letter will serve as the centerpiece of the nomination process and should offer substantive evidence of the superior work that the nominee has achieved over the course of his/her Extension career. The primary nomination letter should include the following:
 - A description of the major community development-related achievements of the nominee over the course of his/her career, with special attention to the significant impact of the person's community development efforts at the state, Southern region, national, and/or international levels;
 - Highlights of key CD-related products that have been developed by the nominee over his/her Extension career (i.e. curricula, fact sheets, websites, newsletters, articles, etc.) that have had an influence in shaping and enhancing community development work in their state, in the Southern region, and/or beyond;
 - Other important and relevant professional activities/committees in which the nominee has been involved that have helped advance Extension community development work at the state, regional, national and/or international levels.

2. Assemble Examples of CD Products: The individual who prepares the primary letter of nomination is encouraged to submit up to three of the nominee’s Community Development-related products that best exemplify the quality of that person’s Extension work. Providing electronic versions of these products would be ideal (i.e., on a CD, or accessible via a web link), but if not feasible, the primary nominator is encouraged to submit a hard copy set of these documents to the SRDC (one copy of the products only). These documents will not be returned.
3. Obtain Support Letters: Up to three letters from individuals who are knowledgeable of the nominee’s Extension CD work and who can affirm the significance of the person’s lifetime achievements in advancing CD work within various arenas (i.e., state, region, national, international) are strongly recommended. We encourage letters be drawn from a variety of sources, such as a county Extension educator, a colleague affiliated with another land-grant school, a government agency representative, a policymaker, a community leader, or other appropriate individuals. Select the combination of three support letters that makes the strongest case for the nominee’s community development achievement.
4. Submit Entire Nomination Packet: The person preparing the primary letter of nomination assembles all the information/support materials and submits as a single packet to the Southern Rural Development Center.

Deadline Date

The nomination packet (primary letter, support letters, CD documents/resources) **must be postmarked no later than Friday, March 2, 2012**, and sent to the Southern Rural Development Center. Materials may also be submitted electronically by 5:00 p.m. Central Time on March 2, 2012. Email submissions should be sent to: rachelw@srcd.msstate.edu.

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Announcement of Award

The 2012 recipient of the Bonnie Teater Community Development Lifetime Achievement Award will be formally announced at the 2012 NACDEP (National Association of Community Development Extension Professionals) Business Meeting held in May 2012.

About the Bonnie Teater Award

Bonnie Teater is a special individual to friends of the Southern Rural Development Center. For 30 years, she provided valuable support and day-to-day assistance to the Southern Rural Development Center as a member of its staff. She served as an inspiration to all because of the dedication she brought to her work and her passion for the rural development research and Extension outreach mission of the region’s land-grant schools. She currently is enjoying retirement in her home state of Kentucky.

