



Southern Rural Sociological Association

Call for Nominations

Excellence in Teaching, Research, and Extension and/or Public Service.

SRSA recognizes professionals in the association who have made significant contributions in the areas of Teaching, Research, and Extension and/or Public Service. Nominations are currently being sought for the SRSA Awards for Excellence in Teaching, Excellence in Research, Excellence in Extension, and Excellence in Public Service. Please note that the Excellence in Extension and/or Public Service Award has been split into two separate award categories: Excellence in Extension and Excellence in Public Service. The awards for Excellence in Teaching, Excellence in Research, and Excellence in Extension are made to recognize SRSA members. While the award for Excellence in Public Service may be presented to a SRSA member or non-member. To nominate an individual, please send a letter with the name of the individual being nominated, the proposed award category, qualifications of the nominee for the award, and other supporting documentation to:

Keiko Tanaka
Department of Community & Leadership Development
500 Garrigus Building
University of Kentucky
Lexington, KY 40546-0215
Email: ktanaka@uky.edu

The nomination letter should document the nominee's significant contributions as they apply to the appropriate award. The nominator should provide supporting documentation such as a current resume/vitae, publications, project description, and course syllabi, as applicable. In addition, the person making the nomination should seek at least one additional letter of support for the nominee.

A nominee should have been an active member of SRSA for at least two previous years, except for nominees in the category of public service which is open to non-members. The nomination deadline is **November 30, 2012**.

Outstanding Student Paper Awards

Please encourage your graduate and undergraduate students to submit their papers to the SRSA's competition for the Outstanding Undergraduate Student Paper Award and the SRSA Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award. Each of the award winners will receive a framed certificate and a \$200 cash award (if co-authored, the cash award needs to be shared).

Papers will mainly be judged based on:

- Advancement of knowledge;
- Significance of the topic for rural sociology;
- Quality and implementation of the research (if applicable);
- Analysis and interpretation of the findings (if applicable);
- Clarity and organization of the writing.

Requirements:

- Papers can be co-authored with another student but cannot be co-authored with a faculty member;
- Papers should follow the formatting style of the Journal of Rural Social Sciences;
- Papers cannot exceed 25 pages (inclusive of title, abstract, body of the text, list of references, tables and figures);
- All pages must be double-spaced, 12-point font, and have 1 inch margins on all sides;
- Papers must not have been previously presented at a professional conference or published in a proceedings, book, or journal.

Submission procedures and deadlines:

By **November 15, 2012**, email letter of intent to submit a full paper to Dr. Keiko Tanaka at ktanaka@uky.edu along with a copy of the abstract that was submitted to the Program Chair. When submitting the abstract and letter of intent, please include your name, institutional affiliation, mailing address, telephone number, and email. All submissions must be accompanied by a letter or email from a faculty advisor or department chair certifying your student status.

By **January 4, 2013**, a completed paper should be emailed as an attachment to Dr. Keiko Tanaka at ktanaka@uky.edu. The award recipient will be notified by **January 21, 2013**.

Outstanding Professional Paper Award

The Awards Committee encourages professionals to submit their papers to the SRSA Outstanding Professional Paper Award Competition. The author of the outstanding professional paper will be recognized at the annual meeting during the Awards Luncheon, at which time he/she will be presented with an award plaque. As with the student papers, professional papers will mainly be judged on:

- Advancement of knowledge;
- Significance of the topic for rural sociology;
- Quality and implementation of the research (if applicable);
- Analysis and interpretation of the findings (if applicable);
- Clarity and organization of the writing.

Requirements:

- Papers can be co-authored with another faculty member and/or a student;
- Papers should follow the formatting style of Southern Rural Sociology;
- Papers cannot exceed 25 pages (inclusive of title, abstract, body of the text, list of references, tables and figures);
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