

NACDEP Excellence in Community Development Work Awards: Individual or Team

Objectives:

To recognize a NACDEP member or group of members for outstanding programs in any aspect of community development work or for program accomplishments relative to scholarly and creative activities, teaching and/or research effectiveness, and to show evidence or collaboration with others who help meet community development needs.

Award:

The national award recipients will receive a plaque at the NACDEP awards dinner at the annual conference. The national runners-up, any honorable mentions, and the regional awards winners will receive certificates.

Eligibility:

Eligible individual recipients must be current members of NACDEP, and at least two-fifths of team applicants must be NACDEP members. Members may prepare one application for each category (Individual and Team) annually. Applications may focus upon community, regional, or state programming. Efforts nominated must have occurred the previous calendar year (2017).

Criteria for Evaluation:

Documentation of Community Need or Opportunity	20 points
Objectives	10 points
Overview (including Resource Acquisition)	10 points
Evaluation Process	10 points
Impact of Program	25 points
Renewability or Sustainability	5 points
Collaboration	20 points

Applications Requirements:

- A completed Member Recognition Application form.
- A two-page (2) description of the program that illustrates the following:
 - How the program meets the needs of the community.
 - Objectives of the program.
 - How the program was evaluated.
 - Results or impact of program.
 - Evidence of how the program is/can be an ongoing program.
 - Evidence of collaboration in planning/conducting the program.
- On a separate page, provide a 100-word abstract of your program and include information on the title page. This will be used for conference award proceedings.

Application Procedure:

Complete the form and upload the materials electronically at the NACDEP website by March 5, 2018.

Individual

Team

All awards applications will be submitted to the central judging committee for review and evaluation. That committee will score all the submissions. The two highest scoring applications shall be the national winner and runner-up, so long as they meet the minimum meritorious standards (a score of 75 points). Any applications not among the top two which meet a superior meritorious standard (a score of 90 points) shall be named national honorable mentions. The scores from the judging committee will also be used to name regional award winners, using the same criteria as above.

Late or incomplete entries will not be recognized.

NACDEP Cross-Program Awards: Individual or Team

Objective:

To recognize a NACDEP member or group of members for excellence in Extension work that combines or integrates Community Resources and Economic Development (CRED) activities with work in other program areas.

Award:

The national award recipients will receive a plaque at the NACDEP awards dinner at the annual conference. The national runners-up, any honorable mentions, and the regional awards winners will receive certificates.

Eligibility:

Eligible individual recipients must be current members of NACDEP, and at least two-fifths of team applicants must be NACDEP members. Members may prepare one application for each category (Individual and Team) annually. Applications may focus upon community, regional, or state programming. Efforts nominated must have occurred the previous calendar year (2017).

Criteria for Evaluation:

Community Contributions/Accomplishments:

Purpose reflects and recognizes outstanding efforts and accomplishments in operating across different Extension programs	25 points
Applicant's efforts demonstrate involvement of multiple Extension groups or constituencies	15 points
A significant change occurred as a result of programmatic effort	20 points

Creative and Innovative Methods:

Creative methods were used to accomplish programs goals and objectives	15 points
Program demonstrated uniqueness and difference to warrant recognition	15 points
Methods encouraged cooperation and co-programming with non-CRED units within Extension	10 points

Application Requirements:

- A completed Member Recognition Application form.
- No more than two (2) pages of narrative addressing the award criteria.
- Two (2) letters of support, one of which may be an administrator or supervisor.
- On a separate page, provide a 100-word abstract of your program and include information on the title page. This will be used for awards proceedings.

Application Procedure:

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Individual

Team

All awards applications will be submitted to the central judging committee for review and evaluation. That committee will score all the submissions. The two highest scoring applications shall be the national winner and runner-up, so long as they meet the minimum meritorious standards (a score of 75 points). Any applications not among the top two which meet a superior meritorious standard (a score of 90 points) shall be named national honorable mentions. The scores from the judging committee will also be used to name regional award winners, using the same criteria as above.

Late or incomplete entries will not be recognized.

NACDEP Educational Materials Awards: Individual or Team

Objective:

To recognize a NACDEP member or group of members who have who have developed outstanding materials that educate through credible, accurate, concise information.

Award:

The national award recipients will receive a plaque at the NACDEP awards dinner at the annual conference. The national runners-up, any honorable mentions, and the regional awards winners will receive certificates.

Eligibility:

Eligible individual recipients must be current members of NACDEP, and at least two-fifths of team applicants must be NACDEP members. Members may prepare one application for each category (Individual and Team) annually. Applications may focus upon community, regional, or state programming. Programs and materials nominated must have been active and utilized the previous year (2017).

Materials may be one piece or multiple components packaged as one unit, and must apply to a single subject. Materials eligible for consideration may include traditional media presentations (newspaper, periodical, radio or video program), social media (Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, etc), blogs and websites, and PowerPoint slide sets. The piece(s) submitted for consideration should be included with the entry, either as an attachment or as a link to a website with the piece(s). Curriculum pieces will be accepted. Promotional pieces will be disqualified.

Criteria for Evaluation:

Educational Content:

Accurate, credible information and research based as applies.	20 points
Well written, using correct grammar, uncomplicated sentences and short paragraphs.	15 points
Designed to make user understand/become aware/informed/educated.	15 points
Concise, yet includes all essential information.	15 points
The subject matter practical and educational.	10 points

Appearance:

Neat, clear and clean-cut.	15 points
User friendly.	10 points

Application Requirements:

- A completed Member Recognition Application form.
- All components must be packaged together in one unit. Either a virtual/electronic copy of the presentation package or a web link to the page must be submitted.
- On a separate page, provide a 100-word abstract of your program and include information on the title page. This will be used for conference award proceedings.

Application Procedure:

Complete the form and upload the materials electronically at the NACDEP website by March 5, 2018.

Individual

Team

All awards applications will be submitted to the central judging committee for review and evaluation. That committee will score all the submissions. The two highest scoring applications shall be the national winner and runner-up, so long as they meet the minimum meritorious standards (a score of 75 points). Any applications not among the top two which meet a superior meritorious standard (a score of 90 points) shall be named national honorable mentions. The scores from the judging committee will also be used to name regional award winners, using the same criteria as above.

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NACDEP Educational Technology Awards: Individual or Team

Objectives:

To recognize a NACDEP member or group of members for the use of technology in delivering or managing educational programs, in expanding the use of technology in community development work, and/or the use of educational technology to promote logical, problem-solving techniques.

Award:

The national award recipients will receive a plaque at the NACDEP awards dinner at the annual conference. The national runners-up, any honorable mentions, and the regional awards winners will receive certificates.

Recipients of the national team award who are members of NACDEP will receive a plaque; certificates will be given to any team members who are not NACDEP members.

Eligibility:

Eligible individual recipients must be current members of NACDEP, and at least two-fifths of team applicants must be NACDEP members. Members may prepare one application for each category (Individual and Team) annually. Applications may focus upon community, regional, or state programming. Efforts nominated must have occurred the previous calendar year (2017).

Criteria for Evaluation:

Clear and concise objectives	30 points
Appropriate application of technology to an educational/promotional program.	30 points
Impact to intended audience according to its stated objectives.	40 points

Application Requirements:

- A completed Member Recognition Application form.
- A success story limited to two (2) pages on how you have applied educational technology (such as computers, satellite, video, etc.) to your work and the impact to the intended audience. Include objectives, methods, and qualitative and quantitative impact data.
- On a separate page, provide a 100-word abstract of your program and include information on the title page. This will be used for awards proceedings.

Application Procedure:

Complete the form and upload the materials electronically at the NACDEP website by March 5, 2018.

Individual

Team

All awards applications will be submitted to the central judging committee for review and evaluation. That committee will score all the submissions. The two highest scoring applications shall be the national winner and runner-up, so long as they meet the minimum meritorious standards (a score of 75 points). Any applications not among the top two which meet a superior meritorious standard (a score of 90 points) shall be named national honorable mentions. The scores from the judging committee will also be used to name regional award winners, using the same criteria as above.

Late or incomplete entries will not be recognized.

NACDEP Innovation and Creativity Awards: Individual and Team

Objective:

To recognize a NACDEP member or group of members who have developed an outstanding effort or program that integrates innovation and creativity in Community Development program design or implementation that shows demonstrated effectiveness.

For the purpose of these awards, innovation is understood as a method or practice that creatively addresses a community or implementation issue in a novel manner that demonstrates improvement in program results.

Award:

This award will be given at both the national and regional levels. Regional winners and runners-up will receive a certificate. The national winner will receive a plaque at the National Annual Conference and the national runner-up and any honorable mention a certificate.

Eligibility:

Eligible individual recipients must be current members of NACDEP, and a team leader and at least two-fifths of team applicants must be NACDEP members. Members may prepare one application for each category (Individual and Team) annually. Applications may focus upon community, sub-state region or state programming, and efforts nominated must have occurred the previous calendar year (2017).

Criteria for Evaluation:

Community Contributions/Accomplishments:

Documentation of community need or opportunity requiring new or different solutions	30 points
Program goals and objectives demonstrated innovation, uniqueness or creativity	30 points
Evaluation Process	10 points
Impact of Program	30 points

Application Requirements:

- A completed Member Recognition Application form.
- No more than two (2) pages of narrative addressing the award criteria.
- Two (2) letters of support, one of which may be an administrator or supervisor.
- On a separate page, provide a 100-word abstract of your program and include information on the title page. This will be used for awards proceedings.

Application Procedure:

Complete the form and upload the materials electronically at the NACDEP website by March 5, 2018.

Individual

Team

All awards applications will be submitted to the central judging committee for review and evaluation. That committee will score all the submissions. The two highest scoring applications shall be the national winner and runner-up, so long as they meet the minimum meritorious standards (a score of 75 points). Any applications not among the top two which meet a superior meritorious standard (a score of 90 points) shall be named national honorable mentions. The scores from the judging committee will also be used to name regional award winners, using the same criteria as above.

Late or incomplete entries will not be recognized.

NACDEP Diversity Awards: Individual and Team

Objective:

To recognize a NACDEP member or group of members who have developed an outstanding effort or program that ensures meaningful diversity and inclusiveness.

For the purpose of these awards, diversity is defined as acknowledging, understanding, appreciating, valuing and celebrating differences among people relative to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, disability, public assistance status, veteran status, sexual orientation, etc. (List is not all-inclusive and is not limited to those that are mentioned.)

Award:

The national award recipients will receive a plaque at the NACDEP awards dinner at the annual conference. The national runners-up, any honorable mentions, and the regional awards winners will receive certificates.

Eligibility:

Eligible individual recipients must be current members of NACDEP, and at least two-fifths of team applicants must be NACDEP members. Members may prepare one application for each category (Individual and Team) annually. Applications may focus upon community, regional, or state programming. Efforts nominated must have occurred the previous calendar year (2017).

Criteria for Evaluation:

Community Contributions/Accomplishments:

Purpose reflects and recognizes outstanding efforts and accomplishments in achieving and sustaining diversity in community development extension programs and/or audiences	25 points
Applicant's efforts fosters an environment of diversity and inclusiveness	15 points
A significant change occurred as a result of programmatic effort	15 points

Creative and Innovative Methods:

Creative methods were used to accomplish programs goals and objectives	15 points
Program demonstrated uniqueness and difference to warrant recognition	15 points
Methods were used to promote retention of diverse audiences	15 points

Application Requirements:

- A completed Member Recognition Application form.
- No more than two (2) pages of narrative addressing the award criteria.
- Two (2) letters of support, one of which may be an administrator or supervisor.
- On a separate page, provide a 100-word abstract of your program and include information on the title page. This will be used for awards proceedings.

Application Procedure:

Complete the form and upload the materials electronically at the NACDEP website by March 5, 2018.

Individual

Team

All awards applications will be submitted to the central judging committee for review and evaluation. That committee will score all the submissions. The two highest scoring applications shall be the national winner and runner-up, so long as they meet the minimum meritorious standards (a score of 75 points). Any applications not among the top two which meet a superior meritorious standard (a score of 90 points) shall be named national honorable mentions. The scores from the judging committee will also be used to name regional award winners, using the same criteria as above.

Late or incomplete entries will not be recognized.

NACDEP Excellence in Teamwork Award: Team Only

Objective:

To recognize outstanding Extension programming or projects conducted by a team that involves a NACDEP member or group of members that demonstrates effective performance and significant results (impact) at the community, region, state, or multi-state level.

Award:

The national award recipients will receive a plaque at the NACDEP awards dinner at the annual conference. The national runners-up, any honorable mentions, and the regional awards winners will receive certificates.

Eligibility:

Entries must be submitted by a team. At least one team member must be a member of NACDEP and employed at the time of the activity. All program entries must be conducted during the previous year (2017).

Criteria for Evaluation:

Successful outcomes/results/impacts related to the goals/objectives	60 points
Uniqueness/need of program	20 points
Collaboration	20 points

Application Requirements:

- A completed Member Recognition Application form.
- Two-page (2) narrative describing significant program accomplishments which address the following:
 - Describe the events indicating the need for the program. What is unique about this program?
 - State the program goal/objectives(s).
 - Describe the target audience, their participation, involvement and contribution.
 - Explain the role of the team members.
 - Describe collaborative/partnership with others.
 - Describe outcomes/results/impacts.
- Two (2) letters of support.
- On a separate page, provide a 100-word abstract of your program and include information on the title page. This will be used for awards proceedings.

Application Procedure:

Complete the form and upload the materials electronically at the NACDEP website by March 5, 2018.

Team

All awards applications will be submitted to the central judging committee for review and evaluation. That committee will score all the submissions. The two highest scoring applications shall be the national winner and runner-up, so long as they meet the minimum meritorious standards (a score of 75 points). Any applications not among the top two which meet a superior meritorious standard (a score of 90 points) shall be named national honorable mentions. The scores from the judging committee will also be used to name regional award winners, using the same criteria as above.

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NACDEP Distinguished National Service Award

Objective:

To recognize a NACDEP member who is actively involved in service to NACDEP and contributed significantly to the organization for three (3) years as of January 1, 2018.

Award:

This recognition is awarded at the regional (Regional Distinguished Service Award) and national (Distinguished National Service Award) level. Award recipients will be recognized with a plaque at the NACDEP awards dinner at the annual conference.

Eligibility:

Any NACDEP Member who is a member in good standing (for at least the immediate past year, as well as the current year). The individual has served at least three years as of January 1 of the current year (2018). Members recommended must be actively engaged in service to the NACDEP organization as of the date the selections are made. The Distinguished National Service Award may be received only once.

Criteria for Evaluation:

Actively involved in service to the NACDEP organization	25 points
Special contributions to the organization	30 points
Years of continuous service in the leadership or development of NACDEP	25 points
Professional attitude and leadership ability	20 points

Application Requirements:

- Self-nominations will not be accepted.
- A completed Member Recognition Application form.
- The name, address, state, email address, and a 500-word summary of the nominee's service to NACDEP as well as special contributions to the organization.
- Two letters of support (one page, single spaced).
- On a separate page, provide a 100-word abstract of the nominee's involvement in service to NACDEP as well as any special contributions to the organization. Include information on the title page. This will be used for conference award proceedings.

Application Procedure:

Complete the form and upload the materials electronically at the NACDEP website by March 5, 2018.

All awards applications will be submitted to the central judging committee for review and evaluation. That committee will score all the submissions. The two highest scoring applications shall be the national winner and runner-up, so long as they meet the minimum meritorious standards (a score of 75 points). Any applications not among the top two which meet a superior meritorious standard (a score of 90 points) shall be named national honorable mentions. The scores from the judging committee will also be used to name regional award winners, using the same criteria as above.

Distinguished

Late or incomplete entries will not be recognized.

NACDEP Distinguished Career Awards

Objective:

To recognize NACDEP members who are actively engaged in Extension community development programs and who have served more than seven years (7) as of January 1, 2018 in Extension community development programming.

Awards:

This recognition is awarded at the regional and national level. Award recipients will be recognized with a plaque at the NACDEP awards dinner at the annual conference.

Eligibility:

Eligible recipients include members who are in good standing in the immediate past year as well as the current year. In addition, the individual has served more than seven years as of January 1 of the current year (2018) in Extension community development programs. Members recommended must be actively engaged in Extension community development programs as of the date the selections are made. States or units (NIFA or Regional Rural Development Centers) may recommend one Distinguished Career Award recipient. The Distinguished Career Award may be received only once.

Criteria for Evaluation:

Professional Attitude, work with a professional association, Extension Committee work and responsibilities	15 points
Professional improvement, including advanced formal education and supplemental training, including attendance at NACDEP Annual Conference (or Galaxy)	15 points
Professional accomplishments, size and depth of programs created and implemented, demonstrated program improvements and program innovation	50 points
Personal interests and activities related to community development	15 points
Honors and awards received related to Extension and/or community development	5 points

Application Requirements:

- Self-nominations will not be accepted.
- A completed Member Recognition Application form.
- The name, address, state, email address, and a 500-word summary of the nominee's accomplishments.
- Two letters of support (one page, single spaced).
- On a separate page, provide a 100-word abstract of the nominee's accomplishments as well as any special contributions to the profession. Include information on the title page. This will be used for conference award proceedings.

Application Procedure:

Complete the form and upload the materials electronically at the NACDEP website by March 5, 2018.

Distinguished

All awards applications will be submitted to the central judging committee for review and evaluation. That committee will score all the submissions. The two highest scoring applications shall be the national winner and runner-up, so long as they meet the minimum meritorious standards (a score of 75 points). Any applications not among the top two which meet a superior meritorious standard (a score of 90 points) shall be named national honorable mentions. The scores from the judging committee will also be used to name regional award winners, using the same criteria as above.

Late or incomplete entries will not be recognized.