

The Alan A. Kahler Outstanding Dissertation Award
Sponsored by the American Association for Agricultural Education

INTRODUCTION

The American Association for Agricultural Education has established a doctoral dissertation award program. The program is designed to recognize the doctoral student who has completed the most outstanding dissertation during the previous calendar year. Each doctoral degree granting institution awarding a Ph.D. or Ed.D. in Agricultural or Extension Education is eligible to submit one outstanding dissertation nominee each year.

This award has been made possible by funds provided by Dr. Alan A. Kahler and colleagues in recognition of his dedication to doctoral education and research in Agricultural Education. Contributions in support of this program should be sent to the AAAE Treasurer and designated for the Kahler Outstanding Dissertation Award fund.

ELIGIBILITY

Doctoral students completing a dissertation with a publication date between January 1st and December 31st (of the previous year) are eligible for consideration for each year's award competition. Only one nomination will be accepted per institution each year. Institutional nominations shall be determined using procedures developed by the Agricultural Education faculty at each respective institution.

PROCEDURES

Three unbound copies of the complete dissertation should be submitted with a nomination letter from the nominee's academic advisor (co-signed by the departmental administrator) to:

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Agricultural and Extension Education
Box 7607 – 1 Lampe Drive, 13 Ricks Hall
Raleigh, North Carolina 27695-7607

Nominations must be **received by April 4, 2008** to be considered for the award presented at the 2008 AAAE Conference in Reno, Nevada. The nominee's academic advisor will be notified of receipt of the award application/dissertations.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Selection Criteria	Point Value
Problem Statement	10
Theoretical Framework	10
Research Design/Procedures	10
Data Analysis Technique(s)	10
Findings	10
Conclusions	20
Recommendations/Implications	20
Value to the Agricultural Education Profession	10
Total Points	100

JUDGING AND AWARDS

Judging and selection of the award recipient will be conducted independently by a committee of three active AAEE members. Faculty advisors of the nominees are ineligible to serve on the selection committee. A plaque and a check for \$750 will be presented to the recipient and a certificate presented to the award recipient's faculty advisor at the AAEE annual meeting. The recipient must be present at the AAEE annual meeting to receive the cash award.