

Veterans In Agriculture Awards

Veterans In Agriculture (VIA) awards fall into two categories. Nominations can be either VIA Board of Directors nominated or can be nominated by a veteran, veteran service providers, or the general public. All award nominations will be submitted to the Veterans In Agriculture Events Committee, whose members will review all applications. The Events committee will present applications to the Board of Directors along with their recommendations for the approval or disapproval. All recommendations and/or decisions of the events committee and Board of Directors will be final.

The two award categories are: Friends of Veterans In Agriculture Award and Friend of Farmer Veterans.

Friend of Veterans In Agriculture Award:

The Friend of Veterans In Agriculture Award is Board of Directors nominated and awarded.

Individuals or business nominated for this award must have demonstrated support of the VIA organization, farmer veterans, and has had a positive role in Iowa agriculture.

Friend of Farmer Veterans Award:

The Friend of Farmer Veterans Award can be nominated by veterans, veteran service providers, or the general public. Nominations are considered when the awards nomination application has been completed, which should include an outline or syllabus that outlines the nominees actions that will justify the award. Additional pages and documents can be submitted as determined.

Individuals or businesses that are nominated must have provided exemplary support to farmer veterans either collectively or provided support to an individual farmer veteran. This support must align with VIA's mission as well as enables veterans to more easily transition into civilian lifestyles by selecting an agrarian career. Candidates must live in Iowa and have had a positive role in Iowa agriculture.

Nomination Procedures and Guidelines:

Priority will be given to nominations that are received from farmer veterans.

Number of awards presented in each category are at the discretion of the Board. The board reserves the right to make awards in a category. No minimum or maximum number of awards are required to be presented.

The deadline for nominations will be determined annually by the board based on the date and venue the presentation will be made, but no less than 60 days prior to the event.

To be considered, nominations must be received by VIA before the announced deadline for the year of consideration. No nominations will be accepted that are submitted after that years deadline. Late applications will not be held over for consideration for the following year. In those cases, a new application will need to be timely filed after the announcement that nominations are being accepted.

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After the VIA Executive Director receives the application and reviews all nominations for completeness and determines no additional information is needed, the nominations will then be forwarded to the VIA Events Committee. The Events Committee will review and make recommendations to the Veterans In Agriculture Board of Directors for final voting and approval/disapproval.

If an individual/group submitted the nomination, they will be notified of the results and will be given the first opportunity to notify the award winner, with a follow up from VIA will follow up. In the case of Board of Director selections, a board member or the executive director will notify the winner.

VIA will verify that those selected can accept the award and are availability for the award presentation. Consent for photos, media release, and other applicable consents will be obtained from the award recipient(s). If the receipt(s) is not able to attend the awards presentation, the award can be accepted by a representative. If no representative is available, the award will be presented in absenca.

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