



2021

NAAE "Teachers Turn the Key" Professional Development Application

Purposes and Eligibility for the Professional Development Program

Agricultural education is continually faced with a shortage of qualified teachers. Unless those who have been trained enter and remain in the profession for a period of several years, the shortage of qualified teachers will prevail. As a means of encouraging young teachers to remain in the profession and to encourage and recognize participation in professional activities. The NAAE "Teachers Turn the Key" scholarship program is sponsored by **RAM Trucks** as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

NAAE members who are in their second, third or fourth year of teaching at the time they apply are eligible for this award. (When the awards are presented at the subsequent NAAE convention, the scholarship recipients will be in their third, fourth or fifth year of teaching.) Applicants must be an active member of NAAE during the year of application (2012-2021) and be an active member of NAAE at the time of the convention at which they receive the scholarship (2021-2022). All state winners must agree to attend and participate in the entire NAAE convention as well as participate fully in the professional development portion of the scholarship program which will be held onsite at the NAAE Convention.

Scholarship Awards and Recognition

Each state "Teachers Turn the Key" participant will receive a scholarship for the costs of airfare or mileage (whichever is less), convention registration and four (4) nights hotel to attend the entire NAAE convention. Details on allowed travel expenses include: (1) registration for the NAAE convention; (2) round trip, coach airfare to the NAAE convention from the commercial airport nearest the recipient's home (those choosing to drive a personal vehicle to the convention will be reimbursed at the current NAAE mileage rate up to the dollar amount of the round trip airfare); (3) lodging for four nights at the NAAE convention. In addition, each participant must participate in special programming for early-career teachers during the NAAE convention.

Spouses/guests/co-teachers are welcome to attend the convention with the program participant; however, NAAE will not pay for travel expenses, registration fees, or room cost related to guests of program participants.

For this program, all evaluation will occur at the state level. All eligible (based on national requirements) first-ranked state winning program applicants will be selected for this special professional development program.

**The deadline for submitting state program participant applications to the national NAAE office is May 15, 2021. All applications must be submitted online.
No printed or emailed applications will be accepted.**

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