American Meat Science Association

Distinguished Extension-Industry Service Award

Purpose: To recognize outstanding achievement in the field of meat science extension and/or industry service.
Award: A memento will be provided to each honoree.
Eligibility: The nominee must:

1. Have demonstrated outstanding ability as an extension-industry service specialist in some phase of the meat industry.
2. Be an active specialist during the year in which nominated and have been an active specialist for not less than five years. This does not exclude administrators, providing they were personally involved in extension-industry service work during the year. Where disability is involved, nominees must be engaged in extension-industry service activities within 36 months prior to the month of the award presentation.
3. Be judged as a specialist on the following bases:
    a. Qualities of leadership as demonstrated by the ability to influence others to act and adopt improved practices related to the production, processing, preservation, preparation, and utilization of meat and meat products.
    b. Mastery of subject matter, techniques, vision, enthusiasm, and attitudes.
    c. Significant contributions in consumer education, live animal and/or carcass evaluation, meat production, meat distribution, or the processing, preservation, preparation, and utilization of meat and meat products. Such contributions may be in the initiation and development of programs and projects to disseminate information to adults, college/universities, 4-H, or junior groups, or to companies/organizations or activities concerned with or related to meat and meat products.
    d. Extent of acceptance and application of concepts recommended techniques, programs, etc., and their influence on the meat industry and producers, processors, and consumers of meat and meat products.
    e. Diversification of activities, such as but not limited to participation in research and development or resident teaching activities, service on the nominee's university/company/agency/NGO committees, participation on state, national or international committees, panels, or commissions, etc.
    f. Service to animal agriculture and related industries.

Materials to apply

1. AMSA Award Cover Form, Complete and attach the AMSA Cover Form associated with this award.
2. CV/Resume: Include a list of accomplishments, publications, patents, or other relevant achievements of the nominee (*Limited to two pages*).
3. Award Statement: The Award Statement should demonstrate how the individual fulfills the purpose and eligibility of the award and is deserving of the honor. *Maximum of two pages.*
4. Letters of Recommendation: Maximum of two letters may be attached for all awards. Letters should be from representatives of the institution/organization with which the nominee is affiliated (their administrators, colleagues, or associates) and other persons in the field of meat science and technology or the meat industry, citing the nominee's qualifications concerning the specific award description.
5. Top Achievements Form as the achievements apply to the purpose of this award.

Submit online Intent to Nominate by **January 28, 2026.**

Submit the completed application as one file (NameofNominee_AwardName) by **February 25, 2026**. More Information Online (AMSA Professional Award Documents and Submission) Email all completed packets to AMSA Staff (information@meatscience.org).