



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

2013 *AGRISCIENCE AWARDS*

The Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation, a Federal government agency, is now accepting Nominations for the 2013 *Agriscience Awards*. The awards are presented by the Foundation in partnership with the American Farm Bureau Federation.

The mission of this partnership is to present the Fourth Annual *Agriscience Awards* to recognize, through **four** monetary awards, one scientist; one current high school educator; and two current high school students who are judged to exemplify excellence in the field of agriscience and to highlight the importance of agriculture in the 21st century.

\$10,000 Distinguished Agriscience Scientist Award

One *\$10,000 Distinguished Agriscience Scientist Award* will be presented to a scientist who is making or has recently made significant and positive contributions in the field of agriscience.

\$5,000 Agriscience Educator Award

One *\$5,000 Agriscience Educator Award* will be presented to a current high school educator, with at least five years of teaching experience, and who emphasizes concepts, principles and applications in their curriculum to promote the study of agriscience to students.

\$1,000 Agriscience Student Awards

Two *\$1,000 Agriscience Student Awards* will be presented to current high school students who are making or have recently made significant and positive contributions related to the study of agriscience.

All Nominations are accepted online only at: www.agriscienceawards.com. Please visit this website for information on the Competition Rules and Regulations. **The deadline for 2013 Nominations is *Tuesday, January 29, 2013*.** Any questions related to the competition may be directed to Judi Shellenberger, Executive Director of the Foundation at: judithmscolumbus@cs.com or (315) 258-0090.

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The **Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation** is an independent Federal government agency established by Congress in 1992 to “encourage and support research, study and labor designed to produce new discoveries in all fields of endeavor for the benefit of mankind.” The Foundation has created ***Frontiers of Discovery*** programs that honor “cutting edge” innovations, innovative ideas of America’s youth and educators. Programs sponsored by the Foundation include: ***Agriscience Awards*** please visit: www.agriscienceawards.com; ***Homeland Security Awards*** and ***Life Sciences Awards*** please visit: www.columbusfoundationawards.org. The ***Christopher Columbus Awards*** are designed exclusively for teams of middle school students, and challenges them to create an innovative solution to a community issue using the scientific method. Please visit: www.christophercolumbusawards.com. For additional information, please visit: www.columbusfdn.org or contact Judi Shellenberger at: (315) 258-0090 or email: judithmscolumbus@cs.com.

The **American Farm Bureau Federation** is the unified national voice of agriculture, working through our grassroots State and county Farm Bureaus to enhance and strengthen the lives of rural Americans and to build strong, prosperous agricultural communities. Farm Bureau is an independent, non-governmental, voluntary organization governed by and representing farm and ranch families united for the purpose of analyzing their problems and formulating action to achieve educational improvement, economic opportunity and social advancement and, thereby, to promote the national well-being.

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