ESP Outstanding Specialist Recognition

**Applications must be received by: APRIL 1**

**Send completed form to:** **skennedy@ufl.edu** **with “ESP Award Submission” in the subject line.**

**Purpose:** This award acknowledges the outstanding contributions of state Extension Specialists throughout the state that have given exceptional time and resources to support Extension Service educational programs for members within ESP.

One (1) award per lifetime.

**Nomination Procedures:** The nomination may be made by anyone who has direct knowledge of the individual and/or organization. Nominations by Extension agents involved with the individual and/or organization are encouraged. Self-nominations are not permitted for this award.

The nomination shall include a statement prepared by the nominator, not exceeding two (2) 8 1/2" x 11" pages, that includes the following information in the order specified:

**1. Award Name:** Outstanding Extension Specialist of ESP

**2. Nominator:** Full name, title, address, telephone number, e-mail address

**3. Nominee:** Full name, title, organization name, address, telephone number, e-mail address

**4. Program Description:** Answer the following:

i. Give a brief description of the nominee’s contributions to successful extension programs both past and present.

ii. Why is this nominee the most deserving of the Outstanding Specialist of ESP award?

iii. General information about the nominee's UF/IFAS extension specialist program and activities.

Note: If your nominee is an award recipient, we will need a high quality headshot of the nominee and a short bio (150 words max) for the EPAF program brochure.

**5. Please save the file using the following convention:** Award name\_nominator’s last name\_nominator’s first name.doc. Example: Tom Jones nominated Jimmy McMillan for the ESP Outstanding Specialist Recognition Award. He would save the file as: ESPOutstandingSpecialist\_Jones\_Tom.doc. Send completed form to: skennedy@ufl.edu with “ESP Award Submission” in the subject line.

**Judging Criteria:**

**1)** Considering their stated activities, background and length of involvement with the ESP member or their program, how significant are the contributions of this nominee? Does the nominee exemplify strong leadership skills and exemplary contributions that benefit or promote ESP Extension programs? (25 Points)

**2)** Does the nominee play a critical role in volunteering time, identifying resources, involving key people, agencies/cooperators, funds, supplies or equipment and/or identifying appropriate target audience(s)? (25 Points)

**3)** Does the nominee’s contributions play an important role in preparing people and/or communities to address critical social, economic, and/or environmental issues? (25 Points)

**4)** Does the nominee’s contributions have implications for future programs? (25 Points)

**Judges:** ESP Member Services Committee