

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT AWARD

INTRODUCTION

The North Central Weed Science Society Outstanding Graduate Student Award may recognize up to two outstanding graduate students who are NCWSS student members. The student must be actively involved in the Society, as well as a contributor to the field of weed science through extension, research, teaching, and service. This student has gone beyond the traditional responsibilities of a graduate student. Examples of outstanding contributions include serving as a mentor, novel research methodology, new teaching techniques, organizing professional development workshops, or conducting outreach events.

ELIGIBILITY OF NOMINEE

The nominee must be currently enrolled as a student or have graduated no more than 12 months prior to the annual meeting. Students will be judged on involvement in NCWSS and other activities in weed science such as: extension, teaching, research publications and other presentations of research, academic records, and honors and awards.

NOMINATION PROCEDURES

Preparation. To assure that a nominee can be adequately evaluated for the award, the nomination document must be accurately prepared and contain the required information. Obtain the assistance of the nominee when preparing the nomination to ensure accurate information.

Submission. An electronic copy of the nomination should be e-mailed to the Chairperson of the Distinguished Achievement Awards Committee at the address given with the Call for Nominations. Each copy must contain the components listed below in the “Nomination Package” section.

Submission deadline. All materials must be received by the DAAC Chairperson by September 30 the year of nomination to be considered.

NOMINATION PACKAGE

COVER PAGE: The cover page should include:

1. Statement of nomination. “Nomination of _____ for the NCWSS Outstanding Graduate Student Award.”
2. Nominee. Give name, university, complete mailing address, telephone number, and email address.
3. Nominator: Give name, university, complete mailing address, telephone, and email address.
4. Nominee’s Degree Program (M.S. or Ph.D.)
5. If the degree program is Ph.D., prelim exam date.
6. Anticipated date of graduation.

EVALUATION STATEMENT: A concise summary and evaluation of the nominee’s contributions to weed science through teaching, research, and extension, not to exceed two pages, explaining why the nominee is qualified to receive the award. This statement serves as the nominator’s letter of support for the nominee.

TRANSCRIPTS: Transcripts should be provided for the nominee’s entire academic career (B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. if applicable).

THESIS ABSTRACT: The abstract should not exceed 300 words.

CURRICULUM VITAE (C.V.): The C.V. should contain a list of publications both peer reviewed and non-peer reviewed, honors and awards, research, and outreach through teaching and extension. The C.V. shall not exceed ten pages in length and no less than 10 pt font or the nomination will be disqualified.

LETTERS OF SUPPORT: The nomination package should include two letters of support. One letter of support should be from a faculty member, department head, or teaching mentor and the second from a fellow graduate student.

SELECTION PROCESS

1. The Distinguished Achievement Awards committee will evaluate the nominations and recommend the student selected for the award to the NCWSS Executive Committee for ratification.
2. The student receiving the award will be promptly notified by the NCWSS President.

AWARD PRESENTATION

The North Central Weed Science Society Outstanding Graduate Student Award will be presented at the annual NCWSS awards event where a plaque will be awarded.