

**ASA Environmental Quality Section Inspiring Early Career Scientist Award  
Nominations Due COB 25 July 2024**

The ASA Environmental Quality Section Inspiring Early Career Scientist Award (formerly, the “Inspiring Young Scientist Award”) recognizes worthy professionals who have made an outstanding contribution toward sustaining agriculture through Environmental Quality research, teaching, extension/public service or industry activity within approximately seven years of completing their terminal degree. The award consists of a certificate of recognition and \$500.

The award will be presented at the Environmental Quality Section Business Meeting on Wednesday, November 13, during the 2024 ASA, CSSA, and SSSA International Annual Meeting in Baltimore, Maryland.

**Eligibility**

It is recommended that nominees have completed their terminal degree within seven years (i.e., 2017 or later). However, the Environmental Quality Section recognizes the reality of professional disruptions, so we broadly define “early career” as applying to those who are early in their research trajectory. We ask nominees/nominators to use their professional judgement to assess the suitability of a nominee for this award. Final eligibility determination will be at the discretion of the selection committee.

Nominees are required to be members of the Environmental Quality Section of the ASA. Nominators are required to be members of the Environmental Quality Section of the ASA. Individuals (not teams) may be nominated, with no more than one nomination submitted annually by a nominator. All nominees are encouraged to assist the Environmental Quality Section with annual meeting activities the following year (e.g., serving as a student competition judge, planning, moderating).

**Evaluation**

The award will be made for creativity/originality and impact of research, teaching, extension/public service or industry contributions in the area of agriculture and environmental quality. Nominators should also demonstrate what is particularly inspiring about the nominee and their work.

**Submission**

The award form is included below. Please submit the award form as a single pdf file electronically to the 2024 Environmental Quality award committee Chair by 25 July 2024. Do not submit letters of recommendation, a cover letter, or a CV.

The 2024 Environmental Quality award committee chair is:

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**ASA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY SECTION INSPIRING EARLY CAREER  
SCIENTIST AWARD FORM**

**I. Nominator Qualifications:**

A. Nominator Name

B. Nominator Current Position Title

C. Nominator Membership in the ASA Environmental Quality Section  
(Y/N)

**II. Nominee Qualifications:**

A. Nominee Name and Email Address

B. Degrees Received (including dates)

C. Professional Positions Held  
(Character limit with spaces: 2000)

D. Membership and Involvement in the ASA Environmental Quality Section (15 points)  
List Environmental Quality Section communities in which the nominee has been involved and at what level (member, community leader, session moderator, session presenter, etc.)  
(Character limit with spaces: 2000)

E. Other Memberships and Professional/Organizational Service (10 points)  
List membership in other professional, honorary, and academic societies beyond the ASA Environmental Quality Section, including other ASA sections and communities. Also list professional and organizational service (e.g., organizational committees, editorships, etc.)  
(Character limit with spaces: 2000)

F. Honors and Awards  
List honors and awards received (Character limit with spaces: 1500)

G. Indicate percent effort in the areas of Research/Teaching/Extension or public service/Industry (e.g., 60/0/40/0 for a 60/40 research/extension appointment). Nominees will not be penalized for

absence of effort in any of these areas.

H. Describe the nominee's creativity and originality in their research/teaching/extension or public service/industry program(s). What makes this nominee's work particularly unique? (25 points)

(Character limit with spaces: 2000)

I. Describe the impact the nominee's research/teaching/extension or public service/industry program has had. Use quantifiable metrics (e.g., number of acres impacted, mass of pollutant avoided or treated). Impact refers to real change in the real world resulting from the nominee's work (e.g., not just lists of publications or grant funding). Please consider how the nominee's work has benefited society and the environment. (25 points)

(Character limit with spaces: 2000)

J. What do you find particularly inspiring about this person and their work? Include inspirational aspects of the nominee's management of work-life balance, if appropriate. (25 points)

(Character limit with spaces: 2000)