

A.W. Nolan Memorial Leadership Award
Sponsored by the National Association of Agricultural Educators (NAAE)

This award is established in the memory of Dr. Aretas W. Nolan, former Professor and Head of Agricultural Education at the University of Illinois. It was Dr. Nolan and his students who in 1921 conceptualized and started Alpha Tau Alpha (ATA), the National Professional Honorary Agricultural Education Fraternity. The purposes for the A.W. Nolan Memorial Leadership Award are to:

- ◆ Recognize collegiate agricultural education organizations for their pursuit of national leadership and professional development opportunities for their members.
- ◆ Ensure the professionalism and success of the National Collegiate Agricultural Education Conference and ATA Conclave.
- ◆ Improve communications between collegiate agricultural education organizations.

The award is determined on a point awards system. Organizations that achieve ten (10) or eleven (11) points between one National Collegiate Agricultural Education Conference/ATA Conclave and the next will be recognized as Gold Organizations. Organizations that achieve twelve (12) or more points will be designated as Platinum Organizations. All collegiate agricultural education organizations that register for the National Collegiate Agricultural Education Conference and ATA Conclave are eligible for the award.

Points will be awarded to organizations as follows:

National Publications

1-3 points An organization can earn a point for each of one to three student-authored or co-authored articles published in the Alpha Tau Alphan or another national publication. The Alpha Tau Alphan is an avenue for publishing articles about Alpha Tau Alpha Chapters and other Collegiate Agricultural Education Organizations. If an article is published in another national publication, the organization should send a copy to the ATA Second Vice-President. Automatic publication of the winning essay from the ATA Essay Contest in the Agricultural Education Magazine earns a point in this category.

National Alpha Tau Alpha Contests and Awards

1-2 points Essay Contest
One (1) point per essay up to maximum of two (2) points for two (2) essays. The organization facilitating the Essay Contest also receives two (2) points.

2 points Quiz Bowl
Two (2) points are awarded for having a team in Quiz Bowl. The organization of the ATA Second Vice-President also receives two (2) points if they facilitate the contest without having a team.

2 points Debate Contest
Two (2) points are awarded for having a team in the Debate Contest.

- 2 points Program of Excellence Award
Two (2) points are awarded for making a Program of Excellence Award presentation.
- 1 - 2 points Judging
One (1) point will be awarded for providing a student judge or timekeeper for either the Program of Excellence Award or Debate Contest. Two (2) points will be awarded for providing a judge or timekeeper for each contest. No more than two (2) points can be awarded in this category. Judges and timekeepers will be selected from organizations that are not entered in the contest.

Leadership

- 4 points Four (4) points will be awarded to the National Collegiate Agricultural Education Conference and ATA Conclave host chapter.
- 2 points Two (2) points will be awarded for having a national ATA student officer [maximum of two (2) points in this category].
- 1-2 points One (1) to two (2) points will be awarded for students serving on national ATA/collegiate agricultural education committees [maximum of two (2) points in this category]. Organizations should bring student membership on a non-ATA national collegiate committee to the attention of the ATA Second Vice-President.
- 2 points Two (2) points will be awarded for having a delegate or representative (for organizations without an ATA Charter) at the annual National ATA Business Meeting. Organizations without an ATA Charter can also receive student participation points if they assist with a National FFA Career Development Event or attend two FFA workshops at the National FFA Convention. Organizations should bring these activities to the attention of the ATA Second Vice-President. Organizations with an ATA Charter must have a delegate at the Business Meeting to receive these points.

- Maximums are established to encourage distribution of these opportunities among organizations.

The ATA Second Vice-President will facilitate the A.W. Nolan Memorial Leadership Award with assistance from the ATA First Vice-President.

Gold Organizations will receive a golden-colored certificate and a check for \$100.00. Platinum organizations will receive a platinum-colored certificate and a check for \$150.00. Gold Organizations and Platinum Organizations will be recognized at the National Collegiate Agricultural Education Conference and ATA Conclave awards luncheon by a representative of the award's sponsor, NAAE.