



## AMERICAN AGRI-WOMEN LEAVEN AWARD NOMINATION FORM

AAW presents the LEAVEN AWARD to those persons who, to an outstanding degree, have acted as “leaven”, a truly feminine concept since “lady” means giver of bread. “Leaven” (yeast) is a small element that can interact and influence everything around it. It permeates and raises the elements it’s mixed with. Leaven multiples its effectiveness for good. AAW presents the LEAVEN Award annually to

recipients that are nominated by AAW affiliates. An Awards Committee comprised of four (4) former Leaven Award Recipients makes the final selection. The first Awards Committee (1977) came up with the word “Leaven” as a means of evaluating the candidates. Please submit the name of a person whom you feel is outstanding and deserving of recognition for efforts for agriculture and service to AAW. List the qualities and contributions that you feel are appropriate to AAW. There should only be one nominee per affiliate. Candidates must be members of AAW. Submit nominations by **October 25, 2019** to [kimberlyschmuhl@gmail.com](mailto:kimberlyschmuhl@gmail.com) and [aaw@americanagriwomen.org](mailto:aaw@americanagriwomen.org).

### ELIGIBILITY:

- The committee will give consideration to a candidate’s achievements, be they on a state, regional or national scale.
- You may include additional information; comments and letters of support that you feel may strengthen your candidates’ qualifications.
- The Awards Committee will use an evaluation system, allotting from 1 to 10 points for each quality described by the person(s) making the nomination.
  - (L)** Loyalty to the mission of AAW
  - (E)** Enthusiasm
  - (A)** Anticipatory (thinks and plans ahead; does not react to crises only)
  - (V)** Valiant (has courage; overcomes any natural timidity)
  - (E)** Effectiveness (exhibits ability to produce intended effects)
  - (N)** Nurturing (encourages and helps develop talents and skills of others)

### GUIDELINES FOR NOMINATION AND SCORING FOR LEAVEN AWARD:

*These guidelines were approved November, 1983, and revised 1990, 2000, & 2004*

- The L E A V E N Award is the highest award given to American Agri-Women members.
- The L E A V E N Award shall be reserved for those **members in good standing** whose service to AAW is performed on a volunteer basis.
- Since sixty (60) points is the top score – the standard for selection of a recipient should be fifty (50) or above. **A maximum of three (3) awards may be given annually.**
- The Awards Committee shall be comprised of at least four (4) of the former Leaven Award recipients. The President shall appoint the Chairperson.
- Nomination forms will be available on the website and will be given to affiliates at the AAW Mid-Year Meeting.
- Completed forms are to be received by August 1<sup>st</sup>. Late forms will not receive any consideration.
- An affiliate group must recommend a candidate. Each affiliate can nominate one candidate annually.
- Forms should be filled out completely with support evidence where applicable.



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Please write a paragraph (not to exceed 250 words) about the candidate's relation to/interest in agriculture (raised on a farm, in agri-business, owns lands etc.)

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

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