

SRSA Awards for Teaching, Research, Extension, and Public Service

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SRSA recognizes professionals in the association who have made significant contributions in Teaching, Research, Extension/Outreach, and Public Service. Nominations are currently being sought for the 2026 Awards. The awards for Excellence in Teaching, Excellence in Research, and Excellence in Extension/Outreach specifically recognize SRSA members, while the award for Excellence in Public Service may be presented to a SRSA member or non-member.

The nomination deadline is **January 5, 2026**. To nominate an individual, submit application through Google Forms [here](#). A PDF should be attached that contains:

1. **Nomination Letter:** This 2-page letter should document the nominee's significant contributions as they apply to the appropriate award.
2. **Letter of Support:** This letter should be in addition to the Nominator's letter.
3. **Supporting Documentation:** The nominator should provide supporting documentation such as a current vita, publications, project description, and course syllabi, as applicable (Please limit to three supporting documents).

Outstanding Student and Professional Paper Awards

Graduate and undergraduate students are encouraged to submit their work for the Outstanding Student Paper Award (\$). Professional members are encouraged to submit their work to the Professional Paper Award.

Paper Requirements	Paper Evaluation
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Papers should follow the formatting style of the Journal of Rural Social Sciences (https://open.clemson.edu/jrss/styleguide.html).• Papers cannot exceed 25 pages (inclusive of title, abstract, body of the text, list of references, tables and figures).• Double-spaced, 12-point font, 1-inch margins.• Papers must not have been previously presented at a professional conference or published in a proceeding, book, or journal.• <i>For Student Paper Award: Papers can be co-authored with another student but cannot be co-authored with a faculty member</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advancement of knowledge;• Significance of the topic for rural sociology;• Quality and implementation of the research (if applicable);• Analysis and interpretation of the findings (if applicable);• Clarity and organization of the writing.

Submission procedures and deadlines:

Please submit abstract and full completed paper to Kara Woods (southernruralsoc@gmail.com). Upload a completed paper via Google Forms [here](#) for full consideration. Papers must be uploaded by **January 5, 2026**.

When submitting, please include your name, institutional affiliation, mailing address, and email. *For students, include a letter or email from a faculty advisor or department chair certifying your student status.*