

CHAD FINN AMBASSADOR AWARD

APPLICATION PROCEDURE AND CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

The Chad Finn Ambassador Award is conferred on individuals who have made significant contributions to pomology, especially in outreach and service. The awardee should be an outstanding spokesperson for pomology and the fruit industry through exemplary extension, marketing and/or outreach activities. Such contributions may relate to any important area of fruit production, but the ambassador should emulate the spirit of the award by being an advocate of and have a passion for fruit. Activities relating to olericulture or ornamental horticulture are not considered to be within the areas of interest for which the award is to be considered.

A single Chad Finn Ambassador Award may be conferred each year. The recipients are selected by the Chad Finn Awards Committee, which is composed of 3 members of APS (1 chair, 2 committee members), appointed by the President of the Society. Committee members serve for three years and can be reappointed. Reappointment for subsequent periods of service is encouraged when the chairperson or members have demonstrated an active interest in the work of the committee. New members will overlap for one year in the case of a committee member stepping down from the committee. In exceptional cases the award may be awarded posthumously, and the student award will be decided by the Chad Finn Ambassador Award committee.

Nominations of individuals for the Chad Finn Ambassador Award may be submitted by any APS member by May 15TH for consideration that year. The nominee should have both outstanding knowledge of and has promoted fruit growth and production through their career/lifetime.

Please attach a document with the following information about the nominee:

1. Record of membership in the American Pomological Society.
2. A short (2-4 page) CV with educational and professional experience, honors and awards, as well as professional and honorary society affiliations.
3. Pomological Contributions. Contributions of the nominee should be described briefly but in sufficient detail to serve as a basis for critical evaluation. The ideal nominee will have multiple contributions. Examples may include refereed publications, books or book chapters, popular press articles, Extension guides, support of grower organizations, participation at grower and industry events, Extension agent and or Master Gardener training, social media or activities, etc.
4. Letters of recommendation illustrating impacts. Letters can be from growers, grower organizations or colleagues.

Please send nomination packets to Dr. Gina Fernandez at gefernan@ncsu.edu.