Ohio State University Extension

Southwest Region Forum

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Staff Manager Development Grant: application window open. . . (Source: OSU Today)

Apply today for a Staff Manager Development Grant—it’s a quick and easy application process.

Choose from outstanding leadership programs, seminars and conferences offered at Ohio State. Grants of up to $1,000 will be awarded at the discretion of the Staff Manager Development Grant selection committee. For details and an application, visit hr.osu.edu/special/managergrants.aspx by Friday, August 1.
Ohio State University Extension is looking for Ohio producers to represent agriculture in its “Ohio Women in Agriculture” campaign for the 2014 Farm Science Review September 16-18 in London, OH.

Agriculture is represented in numerous ways: crops and livestock production, vegetable and fruit production, veterinarians, heavy equipment operators and mechanics, crop and farm insurance, agriculture loan institutions, agricultural organizations, value added agriculture and more. Representation can be from an individual’s current or past personal or business role in the Ohio agriculture production community.

“Celebrating a 100th anniversary is often an excuse to look back, but Extension is looking forward. Ohio Women in Agriculture through Ohio State University Extension wants to showcase the hard work of individuals in our state and show that agriculture is represented in our lives in more ways than we may think,” said Gigi Neal, Clermont Agriculture & Natural Resources Educator and Ohio Women in Agriculture Team Leader.

OSU Extension’s Ohio Women in Agriculture Team invites each county Extension Office to nominate 1 or 2 women from their county who would fit this criteria. County offices are to submit candidate contact information to Gigi Neal at 513-732-7070 or neal.331@osu.edu. After everyone has submitted their information, each individual will receive a survey to complete the information required for the display.

Please send information by July 31, 2014. Information needed to start the process:
Name of nominee
Mailing Address
Email
Address
Best phone #

Information gathered for the display will include: name of person, contribution to agriculture, 150 word biography, quote/favorite saying/words of wisdom and a picture.

This information will then be printed and displayed in the Firebaugh Building at the Women in Agriculture kiosk as an interactive display.
Foresters or magicians needed in Ohio’s woodlands?... (source: OSU Today)

The August (8/12) Environmental Professionals Network breakfast will feature a panel of OSU, state and federal experts discussing the status of Ohio’s woodlands both environmentally and economically, and the numerous threats they face: “Pests and Invasives, Fragmentation, Changing Markets – Do Ohio’s Forests Need Foresters or Magicians?” Register by Friday (8/8) for this networking program to be held at the Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center.

-- > Contact: David Hanselmann at hanselmann.3@osu.edu
-- > Register at: epn.osu.edu

Nominate an Outstanding Staff Member...

It is that time of year once again...time to nominate an Ohio State University College of Food, Agriculture, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) staff member for awards recognition. The CFAES Staff Advisory Council (SAC) invites you to submit nominations for recognition at the annual recognition luncheon. Four staff members nominated by their peers for excellence will be honored for their good works.

Award opportunities consist of the Shirley Brooks-Jones Citizenship Award of $500. It is named to honor Shirley Brooks-Jones for her extraordinary works throughout the world. Shirley’s name brings enormous prestige to this award. She is recognized as the epitome of excellence for her active involvement and outstanding service during her tenure at The Ohio State University. She is a role model for countless staff, faculty, and students. This momentous award recognizes outstanding citizenship activities of a CFAES staff member.

There are also three Above and Beyond Awards: The Key Values Award of $300 for dedication, cooperation, and positive attitude in the workplace; the Innovation Award of $300 for developing and/or participating in project initiatives and/or process operations improvements that enhance CFAES, Extension, ATI, or OARDC and their missions; and the Special Recognition Award of $300 for having special commitment to tasks, positive customer service, and improving workplace communication.

To nominate an outstanding staff member, complete the 2014 Submission Form located at http://cfaes.osu.edu/faculty-staff-resources/staff-advisory-council/awards-recognition/staff-recognition-awards by August 31. The criteria for each of the awards can also be found at that link. Contact Jo Brown with questions at brown.1541@osu.edu or call her at 937.521.3866.