



Dear MAAFS Members,

Fair season will soon be upon us and we need your help to identify the 2017 Fair Person of the Year for the Maryland Association of Agricultural Fairs and Shows.

There are many volunteers and staff that work at your Fair or Show who are deserving of this honor. You are the person best qualified to ensure that they have the opportunity to receive this award that is truly the result of their hard work and dedication to our industry.

It is very gratifying to be recognized by your peers and we want to be certain that we have nominations for the many candidates who have made significant contributions to make MAAFS and your organization successful.

Please do not wait for a “snow day” to get your nomination form completed. I have included one with this letter so you need not search far to complete this task.

Your help and support for this effort is greatly appreciated and will serve to validate the efforts of those who work so hard to provide service to our Fairs, Shows and communities.

Please do not hesitate to call me if you have questions or if I can help in any way.

Rodman Myer, Committee Chair  
Thurmont Emmitsburg Community Show

Marty Svrcek CFE  
Montgomery County Agricultural Fair

John Kozenski  
Anne Arundel County Fair



# MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF AGRICULTURAL FAIRS & SHOW, INC. FAIR PERSON OF THE YEAR

In recognition of devoted and invaluable service to the Maryland Association of Agriculture Fairs and Shows (MAAFS) and one of its member fairs, an annual award will be presented to an individual who exemplified and distinguished themselves by their commitment. The presentation of the award will be made to the recipient at the banquet during the annual convention. The award will consist of a plaque with the recipient's name inscribed thereon. The recipient's name will be added to the MAAFS Fair Person of The Year.

## ELIGIBILITY

The conditions of eligibility are as follows:

- A Minimum of 10 years' service with a MAAFS member fair.
- The nominee must be living.
- The nominee shall have served as a Director, Officer, Volunteer, Staff Member, Friend of a Fair, or Manager of a MAAFS member fair.
- The nominee shall have been supportive in the affairs of MAAFS.
- The nominee must have shown consistent and significant service to MAAFS and one of its member fairs.
- The nominee must be nominated by a minimum of three MAAFS member fair representatives or two member fair representatives and one MAAFS associate member.

## NOMINATIONS

The procedure to be followed by the Awards Committee in the selection of a candidate shall be as follows:

- Each year, the Awards Committee shall announce at the annual meeting that nominations are now being accepted for next year's fair person of the year. A nomination form will be mailed to each member fair and be available on the MAAFS website.
- Nominations for the award must be returned with a record of the nominees achievements in the fair industry in sufficient detail so that the Award's Committee can pass judgment on the candidate's worthiness to receive the award. This record of achievement is included in the Fair Person of the Year Nomination form and is to be prepared by a representative of a MAAFS member fair with two additional member fairs or one additional fair and one additional associate member named as references.
- Each year, the recipients from the three previous years will serve as the selection committee with the prior year's recipient serving as chair of the selection committee. All nominations will be forwarded to and results tabulated by the chair of the Fair Person of the Year Committee.
- All questions coming before the Awards Committee shall be decided by a majority vote of the Committee. The Awards Committee shall have the responsibility power to decide any questions not specifically covered by these rules. The decisions of the committee are final.



MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF AGRICULTURAL FAIRS & SHOW, INC.

FAIR PERSON OF THE YEAR NOMINATION APPLICATION

Please use the form below to nominate the person you feel is worthy of this special recognition. The form must be completed in full and contain sufficient memorandum documenting the nominee's contributions and achievements to determine the candidate's worthiness to receive the Fair Person of the Year.

Return this form by October 1st to MAAFS, Attn: Fair Person of the Year Committee, PO Box 188 • Timonium, MD 21094-0188.

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Fair/Organization Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Nominee's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL YEAR OF INVOLVEMENT IN THE FAIR INDUSTRY: \_\_\_\_\_

If more space is required in any section, please include the information on additional sheet(s) of paper.

I. FAIR INVOLVEMENT

Please provide information regarding the nominee's contribution to a member fair, this includes but not limited to serving as an officer, committee chair, superintendent, etc.

Contribution	Year(s)
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
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## II. INDUSTRY INVOLVEMENT

Please provide information regarding the nominee's contribution to MAAFS, IAFE, NICA, OABA, etc.

### a. Maryland Association of Agriculture Fairs and Shows

#### i. Conventions/Forums/Judges School/Special Events Attended (list each and year(s) attended)

Conventions/Forums etc.

Year(s)

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
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#### ii. Board Involvement (Director/Officer/Committee Involvement/etc.)

Position

Year(s)

_____	_____
_____	_____
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#### iii. Participation in MAAF Conventions/Forums/Judges School/Special Events (Presenter, Panelist, Moderator, Table Topic Leader, etc. list event, topic and year.)

Event

Topic

Year

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**b. International Association of Fairs and Expos**

i. Attendance/Participation in IAFE sponsored events (Annual Convention/Zone Meetings/Special Symposiums/Management Conference/Institute of Fair Management Summit/etc; list each and year(s) attended)

Conventions/Meetings etc.

Year(s)

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ii. Involvement in IAFE (Officer/Zone Director/Committee Member/Serve as a Panelist; Speaker; Table Topic Leader/etc.)

Type of Involvement

Year(s)

_____	_____
_____	_____
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**c. Other Association Memberships/Involvements (NICA,OABA, Etc.)**

Association/Involvement

Year(s)

_____	_____
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**III. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT** List all community activities and level of participation (Special Olympics/Rotary Club/Civic Organizations/Religious Organizations, etc)

Organization

Level of Involvement

Year

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**IV. CAREER HIGHLIGHTS AND SPECIAL AWARDS** List any fair related highlights and awards or honors received during your career. (Special programs that benefited the 4-H program, your fair, or the community)

**Award/Recognition**

**Year**

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**V. 250 words explaining why this person is deserving of this recognition.**

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**PERSON(S) MAKING NOMINATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Fair/Organization Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Fair/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Fair/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Presentation of the award should be limited to a maximum of 15 minutes