



NAAE Outstanding Service Citation Award Application Cover Sheet

Name of Applicant: Mr. Harold R. Berkheiser

(Including prefix: Dr., Mr., Mrs., Ms.)

Title: Agriscience Teacher

Years of NAAE Membership 35

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Please provide the following information for award press releases:

Name of Local Newspaper: Lebanon Daily News

Local Newspaper's Phone Number: 717-272-5611

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SCORECARD

I. Program Services

40 points _____

II. Awards and Honors

20 points _____

III. Professional Activities

40 points _____

TOTAL POINTS AWARDED **100 points** _____

News releases announcing the state winners of this award will be sent out on or after August 1st.

☐ Check here if you DO NOT want NAAE to distribute a state winner news release for this applicant.

I certify this applicant is a regional recipient of the NAAE Outstanding Service Citation Award.

Signed:

NAAE Vice President in Charge _____ Date _____

I. Program Services

I have been active in providing services to agricultural educators, agricultural programs and /or agricultural student organizations during my 35 years as an agricultural educator. Over the years I have been fortunate to be able to work with 11 student teachers from Penn State University and Delaware Valley College. Two of my own students have become agricultural teachers and two more currently are planning to become ag teachers.

I thoroughly enjoy working with the FFA on all levels. Some of my accomplishments with my FFA chapter have been as follows. Over the years, I have had 25 American Degree winners and 113 Keystone (state) Degree recipients. Our chapter has developed 6 state FFA officers. My students have won over 100 state level contests and awards in areas such as Prepared Public Speaking, Interview, Livestock Evaluation, Dairy Foods, Agricultural Issues, Conservation Speaking, Poultry Evaluation, Scrapbook, Equine Evaluation and Proficiency Awards (4 U.S. E. Region Winners). My teams have won 11 state titles in Parliamentary Procedure. On the national level, two of my parliamentary procedure teams have won 1st place at The "Big E" in Massachusetts and our chapter has consistently won national recognition as a 3 star chapter. I had a national winner in the Entrepreneurship Competition and a national BOAC Achievement in Volunteerism winner.

Services to other ag programs include being chairman of the state tractor driving and parliamentary procedure CDEs and sectional chair of the state record book CDE. I am coordinator of the PA E. Regional CDE Day where 500 FFA members from 22 different chapters compete in CDEs. I've served as chairman of many county, area and regional contests. I am also a member of the Northern Lebanon Agricultural Advisory Council.

II. Awards and Honors

During my years as an agriculture teacher I have been fortunate to be recognized by several groups and organizations for efforts made on their behalf. I have received honorary membership on all levels of the FFA including local, county, state and national as well as in other nearby chapters such as the Northern Lebanon FFA.

I have been recognized by PAAE and NAAE for several different activities that I have been involved with over the years. These awards include 35 Years of Service, from both organizations. I have attained the NVATA Outstanding Service Award. I have received a Certificate of Service Commendation from PAAE for organizing regional CDEs for over 20 years and an award of participation as a cooperating teacher.

At the urging of my high school principal, I filled out and won the Pennsylvania Jaycees Outstanding Young Educator Award. This award was based on service to the school and community as well as my work as an Agricultural Educator.

Locally, I received the Project Head Start Volunteer Award as a community leader who has shown support and aided in the promotion of the Head Start Program. I received letters of commendation from our High School Principal for being voted a top teacher by my students and accolades from the Vice Principal for the FFA Program of Activities. The Lebanon Valley Chamber of Commerce has recognized me with their Excellence in Education Award.

The Pennsylvania State University Agricultural Education Department recognized me as an Outstanding FFA Advisor. They also elected me to the Agricultural Educator Hall of Fame.

III. Professional Activities

I am a member of PAAE, NAAE, our local teachers union CLEA, and the National Education Association. I feel it is important to be a member and become involved in professional activities related to these organizations.

I have been a Mentor – Protégé for beginning Agricultural teachers both officially and unofficially. I have been assigned new teachers from around the state to mentor and help in any way I could. I also have, on my own, worked with new ag teachers in the area and with new teachers in my school.

I was a facilitator for the National FFA's Supervised Occupational Experience Program Workshop that was held in Pennsylvania. This included lining up SAE project visits and securing housing and meals for the participants.

I have participated in PAAE as a coordinator for the first PAAE Summer Institute that was held away from Penn State. This allowed PAAE to have a less expensive conference as well as make a profit on the Institute. This tradition has continued over the years and saved PAAE thousands of dollars. I served on the PAAE PA Farm Show Committee and the Membership Committee. I have entered the Harvest of Ideas Contest numerous times and participated in 32 PAAE Summer Professional Technical Institutes.

Other professional activities and organizations I have been part of include the Penn State Ag Ed Advisory Committee, Northern Lebanon H.S. Ag Advisory Committee and Cedar Crest H.S. Ag Advisory Secretary. I served as Lebanon County Ag Teachers President and Secretary. I'm a member of PA Farm Bureau, the Lebanon County Educational Honor Society and am the Lebanon Area Fair Vegetable Chairman. I have attended the Air Force Vocational Students Seminar in San Antonio, Texas.

Program Services

113 State Degree Recipients



Over 100 State CDE Winners



Program Services continued

A Three Star Chapter

11 Student Teachers



Awards and Honors

Head Start Volunteer Award

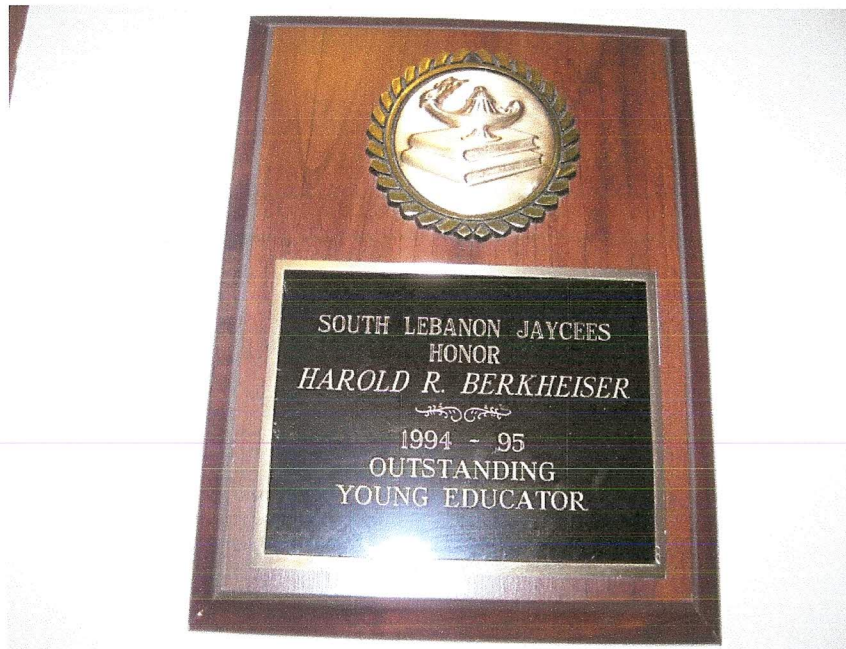


Cooperating Teacher Award



Awards and Honors continued

Outstanding Young Educator

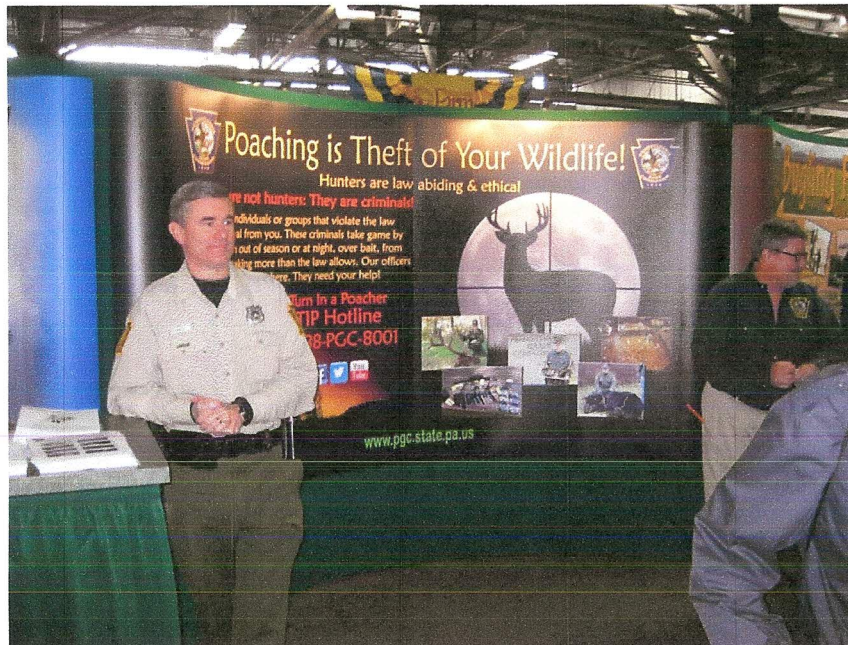


Various Awards



Professional Activities

PAAE State Farm Show Com.



Lebanon Area Fair Veg. Chr.



Professional Activities continued

State Tractor and PP Chairman



Nat. SOE Tour & Workshop



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