

## **DALE BUMPERS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN AGRICULTURAL, FOOD AND LIFE SCIENCES**

### **Background**

The Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, is privileged to establish the Dale Bumpers Lifetime Achievement Award, April 15, 1996. This award will be given in honor of United States Senator and former Governor of Arkansas Dale Bumpers who, during 25 years as a public servant and elected official, has made lasting, indelible contributions enhancing agriculture, its supporting sciences and rural development in the State of Arkansas and the United States and in international arenas. This award will be bestowed upon individuals who, through their careers, have sustained records of accomplishment, leadership, service and vision that have translated into outstanding and tangible contributions to productivity, prosperity and human welfare. It is dedicated to those most rare individuals who have improved the face of agriculture, enhanced the course of society and advanced the lot of humanity by devoting their lives to the systems, policies and/or industries served by the agricultural, food and life sciences.

### **Dedication to Dale Bumpers**

This award, consisting of a medal and cash honorarium, has been established in recognition of Senator Dale Bumpers of the State of Arkansas for his career-spanning contributions to agriculture, research science and rural development. He has been unswerving in recognizing the importance of these activities to human welfare and the advancement of society. His achievements as Governor of Arkansas (1970-74) and for 21 years as United States Senator include a broad and sustained record of initiatives and numerous agricultural and rural development programs benefiting Arkansas, the southern United States, the nation and the world.

One of Senator Bumpers' gifts has been his insight into the critical importance of the link between knowledge generated through research with developing technology for the good of mankind and the need to translate both research and technology into benefits that affect the everyday lives of people. His wisdom has been to know that bridging the theoretical to the practical and bringing benefits to people require common-sense partnerships and cooperative efforts between the public and private sectors. In his words, "where knowledge abounds, liberty flourishes."

In his life and through his many achievements, Senator Bumpers has embodied high standards of leadership, courage and integrity. It is these traits that will exemplify those rare individuals designated to receive this award.

### **Scope of the Award**

Persons considered worthy to receive the Dale Bumpers Lifetime Achievement Award will have demonstrated sustained achievements in disciplines or endeavors related to agriculture and agricultural policy, food production, supporting life sciences, natural resources and environment, rural health and educational opportunities or other activities that have improved the vitality of rural communities and welfare of rural citizens. Achievements made in the private or public sectors or both and through academia, private business, development programs, public or government service or any combination of these will be considered in selection of awardees. The Dale Bumpers Lifetime Achievement Award is meant to be international in scope and will be given in recognition of sustained achievements that have positively impacted human life on local, regional and international levels. Eligibility for the award is open to anyone, irrespective of nationality, creed, race or religion.

**Nomination Guidelines**

Documentation to support nominations for the Dale Bumpers Lifetime Achievement Award must give clear evidence of the nominee’s career accomplishments and how these have affected the everyday lives of people. Nominations must be comprehensive.

In addition to a detailed biographical sketch or vita and supporting letters of nomination, support documentation must include clear evidence of achievements. Examples might include, but are not restricted to, the following:

- A bibliography of relevant writings in the professional or popular press or both;
- Examples of published works and creative activities and reviews of the work or activities;
- Details of programs initiated, program longevity and benefits;
- Businesses started, employment opportunities created or both;
- Research and technological breakthroughs, innovations and evidence of their implementation;
- Evidence of improvements in health and educational opportunities for rural citizens; and
- Details of previous awards and honors received.

Those submitting nominations must clearly show how the nominee’s achievements are related to the scope of the award as outlined above.

Nominations and supporting documents must be received by December 1 each year for award consideration. These should be sent to the office of:

Dean and Associate Vice President for Agriculture  
 Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences  
 AGRI 205  
 University of Arkansas  
 Fayetteville, AR 72701

**Selection of Awardees**

The most important criteria for selection of awardees of the Dale Bumpers Lifetime Achievement Award will be the evidence for, and documentation of, the nominee’s career accomplishments that have had a clear impact on people’s lives and welfare.

Nominations and supporting documentation will be reviewed, and the awardees will be selected by a prestigious panel including academics, administrators, public servants, business people and citizens who will evaluate all nominations. The award will not necessarily be given annually but rather will be given when an exceptional candidate has been identified; however, no more than one award will be made in any given calendar year.

The award of the medal and honorarium will be bestowed in the spring (April) in a ceremony held at the Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences on the campus of the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville.

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 C. I. Scifres, Dean

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 M. I. Shull, Vice President, Division of Agriculture

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 D. E. Ferritor, Chancellor

Approvals: