

National Association for Plant Breeding

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes an individual who has given distinguished long-term service to the plant breeding discipline in areas like breeding/genetics research, publications, cultivar and germplasm developments, education (graduate or undergraduate training or continuing education), outreach, and regional/national/international leadership.

For additional information: <https://www.plantbreeding.org/awards>

Deadline for submission: 1 May 2026 5:00pm Pacific time

NOMINATION PACKAGE

1. Nomination Letter (2-page limit)

- Synopsis of nominee's professional merits and work history
- Relationship of nominator to nominee (e.g., supervisor, department chair, colleague)
- Documentation of nominee's significant achievements in areas such as breeding/genetics research and publication, cultivar and germplasm developments, education (graduate or undergraduate level training or continuing education), extension outreach, and regional, national, and/or international leadership.
- Contact information of nominator and nominee

2. Curriculum Vitae

- Name, title, employer, work address
- Professional preparation: Degrees, institutions, dates
- Professional history: Job titles, employers, places, dates
- Awards, honors, grants, professional activities
- Publications/Products: Selected, relevant refereed and non-refereed publications, patents, PVP's, cultivar and germplasm releases

3. Letters of Support

- Include 2-5 signed letters of support (2-page limit) with author's email address and telephone

4. Submit Package as a single document in pdf format

- Awards Committee Chair: Jim McFerson, Email jim.mcferson@gmail.com, Ph 509-669-3900

POST-AWARD EXPECTATIONS

After being notified of their selection, the award recipient should submit the following for use at the NAPB annual meeting and for press releases and announcements

1. Professional sketch: 300-400 words summarizing institutional affiliation, scope of previous and ongoing research and significant achievements

2. Digital images of Awardee: Non-copyrighted, high-resolution images in a common format (jpg, tiff, png), including: [a] professional posed image and [b] action photo at work as a plant breeder