National Association for Plant Breeding

PRIVATE SECTOR
PLANT BREEDING IMPACT AWARD

The Private Sector Plant Breeding Award recognizes an individual whose accomplishments as a scientist in the private sector have had extraordinary impact in the field of plant breeding in areas such as germplasm development, cultivar release, technological innovation and leadership.

For additional information: https://www.plantbreeding.org/awards
Deadline for submission: 17 Apr 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 contributions germplasm development, cultivar release, technological innovation, and leadership
- Contact information of nominator and nominee

2. Curriculum Vitae
- Name, title, employer, work address
- Professional preparation: Degrees, institutions, and dates
- Professional history: Job titles, employers, places, and dates
- Awards, honors, professional and educational activities
- Products: patents, PVP's, and 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 Nomination Package as 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, 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 of the individual at work