



## Ohio AgriBusiness Association Industry Excellence Awards Excellence in Safety & Stewardship

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## Background

The OABA Industry Excellence Awards were implemented in 2017 for the purpose of honoring excellence, professionalism and achievement among OABA member companies and their employees, thereby encouraging that same excellence in others. As an underlying element of business, safety cannot be over-emphasized. Lack of attention of the safety of employees and customers can result in loss of life and business. Stewardship, too, is an extremely important aspect of the best management practices of today's agribusiness. Stewardship goes beyond responsible care of the environment. It means care of facilities, equipment and relationships to the benefit of all involved.

## How To Apply

An accurate and honest evaluation of the applicant's business activities and performance is necessary to be considered for an OABA Award. All information provided in this application will be kept confidential throughout the selection process. To complete your entry, please follow these steps:

1. Answer all the questions in the application. There are questions for both the nominee and the person nominating.
2. Be as honest and forthright in your answers as possible. Personal views on safety will be important to the selection process. When forming your answers, assume you are speaking to a non-agriculture audience. Include as much detail as possible in the space provided. Spell out all acronyms on first reference.
3. Provide two (2) letters of recommendation from customers, managers or industry leaders.

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# A. GENERAL INFORMATION

**Nominator:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

## BUSINESS PROFILE:

*(check all that apply)*

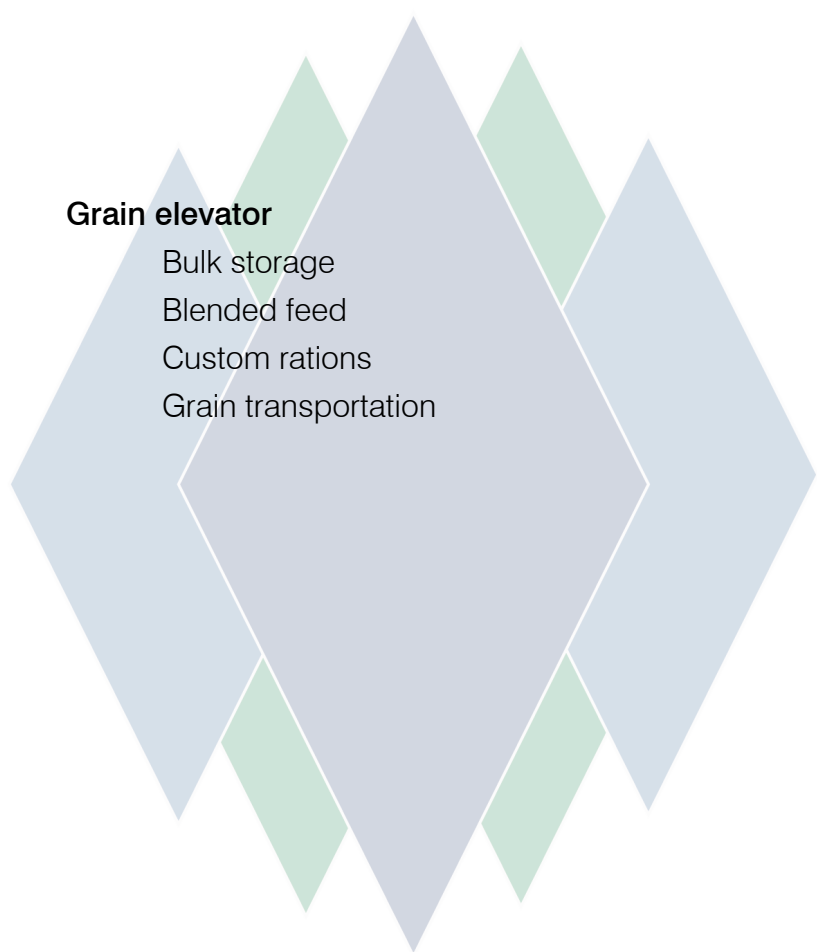
### Retail crop input supplier

- Fertilizer
- Crop protection
- Seed
- Custom application
- Consulting services
- Computer mapping

Other agribusiness (please describe):

### Grain elevator

- Bulk storage
- Blended feed
- Custom rations
- Grain transportation



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## B. NOMINATOR:

*Please answer all questions to the best of your ability. If additional space is required, please attach additional sheets.*

1. Description of nominee's job and everyday responsibility:

a. Is this person personally "officially" responsible for safety in your organization, in a capacity such as Coordinator, Risk Manager or other? **YES** or **NO**

2. Describe a time when the nominee "carried a flag" for safety and stewardship through day-to-day business activities:

3. Share an instance where the nominee encouraged others in the organization to put safety first and be good stewards of property, equipment, land, water and air:



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## B. NOMINATOR:

4. How does the nominee demonstrate exemplary safety and stewardship during interactions with customers?

5. Share any additional thoughts on why this nominee is deserving of this award:



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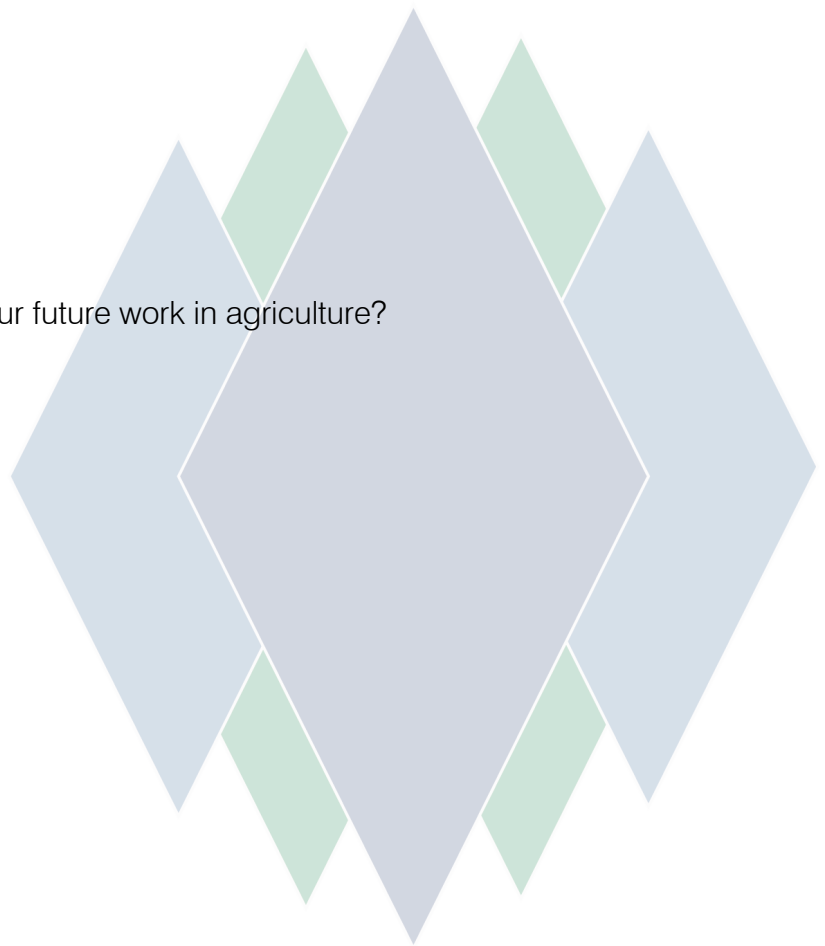
# C. AWARD NOMINEE

*Please answer all questions to the best of your ability. If additional space is required, please attach additional sheets.*

1. What is your personal philosophy regarding safety and stewardship?

2. What do you find most satisfying about your work in the industry of agriculture?

3. What are your goals and aspirations for your future work in agriculture?



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*Please answer all questions to the best of your ability. If additional space is required, please attach additional sheets.*

4. Share the constraints and obstacles you face in your efforts to encourage safety and stewardship at your company:

5. Share about your personal life and how you balance that with your work responsibilities:



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# D. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Please include two (2) Letters of Recommendation from manager, customer and/or others in a position to attest to the nominee's qualification for this award.

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Award winners will be notified August 2026 and announced in the winter. Recipients will be officially presented their award at the 2027 OABA Industry Conference to be held Jan. 25-27 in Columbus, Ohio.

# SUBMISSION

### **Submit nominations to:**

**Email:** [lprettyman@oaba.net](mailto:lprettyman@oaba.net)

**Mail:** Ohio AgriBusiness Association  
5151 Reed Road, Suite 126-C  
Columbus, Ohio 43220

# ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible for an OABA Industry Excellence Award, nominee must be an employee of an OABA member company at time of nomination. If selected as an award recipient, the individual must remain in good standing with the nominating company in order to receive the award at the conference. A nominating company may rescind the nomination of an announced award recipient before its presentation if the company determines the recipient is no longer in good standing with their company.

# QUESTIONS?

**Please contact OABA directly with any questions about the OABA Industry Excellence Awards.**

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