

College of Agricultural and Life Sciences Award Information and Application Form

All applicants must be enrolled in a CALS undergraduate program of study, have achieved a distinguished academic record, and demonstrated a high degree of leadership and service.

CALS Outstanding Senior Award: The J. Wayne Reitz Medal of Excellence

The J. Wayne Reitz Medal of Excellence Award was established in 1967 to honor Dr. J. Wayne Reitz, Provost for Agriculture at the University of Florida from 1949-1955, and President of the University of Florida from 1955-1967. This is CALS' most prestigious undergraduate award and is given by the college annually to the outstanding senior. The student must:

- Be on-track to graduate in Spring 2017, Summer 2017 or Fall 2017 (subject to verification)
- Have completed at least 90 total credit hours with a minimum of 30 hours at UF by the end of Fall 2016

Larry J. Connor Medal of Excellence

The Larry J. Connor Medal of Excellence Award was established in 1999 to honor Dr. Larry J. Connor, Dean of the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences from 1991-1999, and his efforts to foster diversity. The award is made annually to an outstanding senior. The student must:

- Show evidence of contributions to diversity in the student body
- Be on-track to graduate in Spring 2017, Summer 2017 or Fall 2017 (subject to verification department)
- Have completed at least 90 total credit hours with a minimum of 30 hours at UF by the end of Fall 2016

CALS Alumni and Friends Leadership Award

The CALS Alumni and Friends Leadership Award was established to recognize student contributions to the college and support of the agriculture, natural resource and life science industries. This award is made annually to an outstanding senior. The student must:

- Show evidence of leadership and service to CALS
- Be on-track to graduate in Spring 2017, Summer 2017 or Fall 2017 (subject to verification)
- Have completed at least 90 total credit hours with a minimum of 30 hours at UF by the end of Fall 2016

Emelie L. Matthews Award of Excellence

The Emelie L. Matthews Award of Excellence was established in 2014 to honor the contributions of Emelie Matthews to CALS. The award is made annually to an outstanding senior who came to UF as a transfer student. The student must:

- Have entered UF as a transfer student into a CALS major
- Be on-track to graduate in Spring 2017, Summer 2017 or Fall 2017 (subject to verification)
- Have completed at least 30 total credit hours at UF by the end of Fall 2016

CALS Outstanding Junior Award: The E. T. York Jr. Medal of Excellence

The Dr. E.T. York, Jr. Medal of Excellence, was established to honor Dr. E.T. York Jr., Vice President of Agriculture at the University of Florida from 1963-1973, and founder of IFAS. The award is presented annually to the outstanding junior. The student must:

- Have completed at least 60 total credit hours with a minimum of 15 credits at UF the end of Fall 2014
- Be projected to graduate in Spring 2018, Summer 2018 or Fall 2018 (subject to verification)

OTHER EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: List any extracurricular activities (e.g., community, church, service) in which you have been involved while enrolled in a college or university.

Organization	Date	Responsibility	Date	Activities

COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY SCHOLASTIC HONORS OR AWARDS: Describe all scholarships, honors, and awards that you have received while enrolled in a college or university.

Scholastic Honor/Award	Date Received	Basis for Selection

OTHER RECOGNITION: List any other recognition you have received while enrolled in a college or university.

Recognition	Date Received	Basis for Selection

Please describe how the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences has prepared you for the next phase of your life. (Maximum of 250 words)

Incomplete packets will not be considered.

Each nomination packet must include:

- A letter of **nomination** by the department chair or undergraduate coordinator from the department of the students major. This letter must verify the student's expected graduation term.
- An application form completed by the nominee.
- Two additional letters of evaluation. Evaluators should be selected so that both the nominee's academic performance and leadership abilities are addressed.
- A current résumé (two-page limit)
- Upon receipt of a complete application the CALS staff will attach a current transcript.
- A 200-250 word biography. See example below:

Alberta Alligator, is a Family, Youth, and Community Sciences senior from Sebring, Florida. She is member of the Family, Youth, and Community Sciences Club and the Gator Tennis Club. Alberta volunteers at the Alachua County Library, and has served as at tutor with After School Gators, helping children in math, science, and history. She also has worked with exceptional children in local elementary schools. Alberta is completing her honor's thesis on how parent connection and psychological control relate to identity development.

All applications should be submitted as a HARD COPY to the following address and are due by 4:00 p.m. on February 8, 2017:

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