



Tennessee Association of Fairs Judy Basse Award for Outstanding Fair Secretary

This award is being given by the Tennessee Association of Fairs (TAF) for the purpose of honoring an individual and to provide an award to encourage fair secretaries for their unique and exceptional contribution to their local fair and community. TN County fairs are invited and encouraged to nominate a secretary for this prestigious award. The award shall consist of a plaque with an appropriate citation and the name of the recipient inscribed thereon.

1 Eligibility – Nomination criteria is as follows:

- a. The candidate must be a living person. However, the death of a candidate subsequent to his/her nomination does not render him/her ineligible during the year; and if he/she is duly selected for the award, the presentation will be made posthumously.
- b. The award shall be limited to a secretary whose fair is a member of the TAF and in good standing.
- c. He/She shall have been identified with the nominating fair for a minimum of three years.
- d. He/She shall have contributed to the fair industry, in addition to his/her own fair association of fairs, something of value in the field of leadership and education that has proved of value and will continue to prove of value to fairs in the future. He/She shall have been fairly consistent in attending the TAF Convention.
- e. He/She shall have developed and built up his/her own fair by providing a unique and exceptional contribution to that fair and community through their work by demonstrating their commitment, leadership and their cooperative relationship with board members and support staff and/or the community surrounding that fair.
- f. Past recipients of this award will be eligible for reconsideration five years after receiving the award.

2 RULES FOR NOMINATION – The procedures to be followed in the selection shall be as follows:

- a. Each year, the TAF shall announce that the nominations are being received for the award and along with this announcement a nomination form shall be emailed or paper mailed to all county, regional, and the TN State Fair. Such nominations should be accompanied by the enclosed nomination form.
- b. After December 1, a selection committee of five consisting of the following members: TAF Current President, TAF Executive Director, and the Three Division Vice Presidents. This committee shall review all nominations received and may determine additional persons for consideration (including nominations that were not selected from the previous year(s) with approval from the current president/officers of that county fair. They shall then arrange for judging.
- c. After the Awards Committee has determined the recipient, the chairman of the Awards Committee will prepare a citation and shall submit the name of the recipient and the citation to the TAF Executive Secretary for preparation of the award. All records of the committee will be deposited with the TAF Executive Director who will act as custodian of the same.
- d. All questions coming before the Awards Committee shall be decided by a majority vote of the committee members. The Awards Committee shall have the power to decide any questions not specifically covered by these rules.
- e. Once annually this award will be presented at the Annual TAF Convention and will be given for the Outstanding Fair Secretary for at least five consecutive years or until the TAF Board sees fit to discontinue the award. The winner, finalists, and nominees are all recognized at the annual TAF Convention Awards Banquet.
- f. Selection criteria will be determined by the Selection Committee. These criteria should be closely aligned with the attributes mentioned in the attached Outstanding Fair Secretary Award Nomination Form.
- g. The following award description will be read when the award is presented each year:
- h. **Judy Basse was past Executive Secretary of the Tennessee Association of Fairs from 1980 to 1999. She served a two year term as president of the Federation of Fairs, and served on the International Association of Fairs and Exhibitors' board. She was a past president of the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce Farmer's club and a member of the Downtown Kiwanis Club and also managed the TN State Fairgrounds a period of time. She was also a very big supporter of 4-H. Judy was a lady who was easy to work with, friendly and always remembered your name. She was an asset to the Tennessee Association of Fairs. The Outstanding Fair Secretary Award recipient for YEAR is NAME OF PERSON from the FAIR NAME.**

Nomination Submitted by: _____ Position with Fair: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

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