**Gary Scharf Helping Hand Award**

**In Honor of Gary Scharf for his Commitment and Service**

**to Nebraska FFA and Agricultural Education**

***Presented by the Nebraska FFA Foundation***

**Established in 2009, this award recognizes a Nebraska agriculture instructor/FFA advisor for what he/she has done in “helping others,” specifically in the school and community, outside of**

**agricultural education and FFA. The recipient of this award is one who exemplifies the commitment, self-sacrifice, and genuine kindness that defined Gary Scharf’s life.**

**Information about the Award:**

* **One Nebraska agriculture instructor/FFA advisor will be recognized annually with a plaque and $500 cash award.**
* **Anyone can make the nomination – students, fellow teachers, school officials, parents and/or others in the community.**
* **The recipient will be announced and recognized at the Thursday evening session, during the Nebraska State FFA Convention.**
* **Submit only one completed application for nominee. Supplemental pages can be attached, but only as supporting letters for the original application form.**

**All Applications Must Be Postmarked by**

**March 1, 2016**

**Applications should be returned to:**

**Nebraska FFA Foundation**

**PO Box 94942**

**Lincoln, NE 68509-4942**

**Application Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Name**

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**Profession/Relationship to Nominee (Student, Teacher, Businessperson, etc.)**

**Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_E-mail:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Name of Agriculture Instructor/FFA Advisor Being Nominated:**

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**School and/or Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Please answer the following questions about your applicant.**

1. **Please name two characteristics/attributes that describe the person you are nominating with a brief explanation of how these qualities apply to this nominee.**

**1.**

**2.**

1. **In two or three sentences, please describe what sets this individual apart as someone who goes “above and beyond?”**
2. **Please provide up to three specific examples of what he/she has done in the school and/or community, above what is expected and done as the agriculture instructor/FFA Advisor?**
3. **Why does this teacher/advisor deserve to receive the Gary Scharf Helping Hand Award?**