



Marlyne Walker Memorial Leadership Award

The Extension Emerging Leadership Initiative (EELI) cohorts would like to remember and honor Ms. Marlyne Walker (2020 EELI graduate) with an annual leadership award named for her. Marlyne passed away in 2022 and was a positive, enthusiastic, and dedicated leader in Clemson Extension and ELLI. With this award, her legacy will continue and encourage aspiring leaders to lead, mentor, and serve.

The Marlyne Walker Memorial Leadership Award will recognize one EELI graduate per year that demonstrates outstanding dedication and commitment to Extension through leadership and service. The award is reserved for graduates of the Extension Emerging Leadership Initiative (EELI) program that is based at Clemson University, including participants from the College of Agriculture, Forestry, and Life Sciences and SC State 1890 Research and Extension. Members of a current cohort are not eligible until graduating from the program. The award recipient will receive a plaque and will be asked to consider mentoring at least one new Extension agent with less than three years' experience within a year of receiving the award. There is currently no monetary incentive or honorarium with this award.

To be considered for the award, a completed nomination form with a summary of accomplishments and two letters of support by a Clemson or SC State 1890 Extension supervisor, administrator, colleague, or staff member must be submitted by August 12, 2024. No self-nominations or late applications will be accepted. A rubric will be used by the selection committee to select the top candidate: Leadership and Mentorship – 50%, Service – 40%, Letters of support – 10%. The nominator should write a summary to describe the nominee's accomplishments based for each category, with no more than one page (typed/double spaced) for each. All nomination packets must be typed and submitted electronically.

Marlyne Walker Memorial Leadership Award Nomination Form

Name of Nominee:

Nominee's email:

Nominee's work address:

Nominee's position/title:

Nominee's department/unit -- Please check one:

Clemson Extension ___ CAFLS SC State 1890 Research and Extension ___

Nomination submitted by:

Nominator's electronic signature:

Email:

Phone:

Please attach this nomination form, along with the two pages of the nominee's accomplishments- leadership and mentorship and service (no more than one typed double-spaced page each) **and** two letters of support.

Nominators: Please provide your signature. Forward signed form and all associated support materials (electronic only) by Monday, August 12, 2024 at 4:30pm.

Email to Amy Overbaugh at amaula@clermson.edu.

Late and/or incomplete applications will not be considered.

Once nomination packet is received with supporting documents (deadline August 12, 2024), we will request the Nominee's Supervisor's Signature and Confirmation to Complete the Application Packet.

Only after this confirmation will the Nomination be Complete.

Nominee's supervisor:

Supervisor's electronic signature:

(Confirms at least a Successful evaluation rating for nominee past two years)

Leadership and Mentorship (50% of total score) – typed/double spaced.

Demonstrates the ability to create and implement a vision for self or a team. Motivates employees and team members. Leads by example. Inspires employees and team members and drives positive change. Serves as a mentor to other colleagues above, below and at their career level.

Provide a summary of accomplishments for the nominee.

Service (40% of total score) – typed/double spaced.

Engages in activities beyond their job responsibilities that contribute to helping and improving conditions of others in Extension or in external communities. Encourages a legacy of strong leaders in the organization or in the community. Focuses on efforts to advance the growth of colleagues and others in the organization.

Provide a summary of accomplishments for the nominee.