**I. Intent**

1. Awarded annually to an individual who demonstrates innovation and ingenuity by developing or improving methods, procedures, equipment, or training programs within the field of laboratory animal science.
2. The award will consist of a trophy presented at the Michigan Branch AALAS annual banquet and a $250.00 honorarium.

**II. Eligibility**

1. The nominee must be a Michigan Branch AALAS Member AND a National AALAS Member.**(10 Points)**
2. All considerations being equal, candidates having AALAS registered certification(s) will be given priority. **(10 Points)**
3. If no nominee is deemed sufficiently qualified by the judges, no award will be given.

**III. Criteria**

1. Demonstration of commitment to innovation and ingenuity in contributions to the field of laboratory animal science. **(20 points)**
2. Participation in learning or information programs. **(15 Points)**
3. Demonstrated participation in developing, improving, implementing, or providing training and education programs. **(20 points)**
4. Demonstrated interest in attaining additional education and training preferred. **(15 points)**

**IV. Nomination Packet Format – Must be met for consideration**

1. Nomination packet must be fully filled out and submitted by the deadline set by the Technician Affairs Chair (TAC).
2. Proof of AALAS certification, a copy of the certificate is acceptable.

 **V. Nomination Packet Submission & Deadline**

1. The Michigan Branch AALAS Technician Affairs Committee (TAC) Chair will set the deadline for submissions annually.
2. The TAC Chair may choose to extend the deadline to increase participation in the awards programs.
3. Nomination packets must be mailed or emailed directly to the Michigan Branch AALAS Treasurer or appointee of the treasurer.
4. Nominees that do not meet the eligibility requirements outlined above will not be considered for an award.

**NOMINATION FORM COVER SHEET**

* Please write a nomination that touches on all the Criteria listed in section (III) of this packet.
* Ensure you provide a detailed description of the nominee’s performance. How does this employee go above and beyond the expected job performance?
* List any proficiencies, contributions, or accomplishments of the nominee (this may include continuing education, AALAS participation at state, district and national levels):
* Please summarize why you believe this person should be considered for this award (i.e. character of the nominee, personal interests in the field, support and benefit this individual has given to lab animal science). You may include up to three letters of support.

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| **Name of Nominee:** |  |
| **Nominee E-Mail:** |  |
| **Company/ Institution:** |  |
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| **Name of Nominator:** |  |
| **Nominator E-Mail:** |  |
| *In the event your nominee wins, you will have the option of presenting his/her award at the banquet.*  |