# 2017 Rice Awards Nomination Form

The Rice Farmer of the Year, Rice Industry Award and Rice Lifetime Achievement Award recognize those rice leaders who have demonstrated dedication, determination and innovation to the industry. We need your help to identify candidates who are worthy of these prestigious awards. Please take the time to consider which industry members in your area should be recipients of these honors and mail or scan/email this form and supporting materials.

## Categories:

***Please check the box of the appropriate award category:***

### ❑ Rice Farmer of the Year Award

- Must farm at least 200 acres.
- A farmer who has successfully achieved goals in his/her farming operation, rice industry association, community improvement/development, innovative production practices and/or environmental stewardship.

### ❑ Rice Industry Award

- Has been in the rice industry for more than five years.
- A researcher, Extension person, government/association leader, etc… who has demonstrated commitment to the rice industry through innovative practices, industry association, community involvement/development.

### ❑ Rice Lifetime Achievement Award

- Has been in the rice industry for more than 10 years.
- An industry leader who has provided great contributions to the rice industry through industry associations, community involvement/development, innovative practices/projects that have advanced the industry.

## Deadline:

## June 15, 2017

***If you are submitting more than one nomination form, please make a copy before you fill out the form. Nomination forms can be downloaded at www.ricefarming.com.***

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*Nominee's name*

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*Nominee's address*

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*Nominee's phone number*

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*Nominee's rice acreage (if applicable)*

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*Number of years involved in the rice industry (if applicable)*

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*Your name*

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*Your profession*

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*Your address*

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*Your phone number*

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*Your signature* *Date*

**Please send completed form & supporting materials to: Carroll Smith**
7201 Eastern Ave., Germantown, TN 38138
**Scan/Email:** csmith@onegrower.com

## On a separate piece of paper, please consider the following:

**Dedication** to farming and/or agriculture and the rice industry, local community and education.
**Determination** to succeed and overcome hurdles that have emerged while trying to reach goals.
**Innovation** to identify new and better ways for the industry to become more profitable, manage risk, achieve a higher level of efficiency.

In addition to completing this form, please describe the nominee in terms of the above guidelines. It also is helpful to send letters of recommendation for the nominee from other individuals in the rice industry who are familiar with his/her accomplishments. A panel of judges from across the Rice Belt will select the recipients of the 2017 Rice Awards.

The award recipients will be honored at the USA Rice Outlook Conference, Dec. 10-12, 2017, in San Antonio, Texas, where an official presentation will be made at the awards luncheon. They also will be featured in a special salute sponsored by Horizon Ag, USA Rice and *Rice Farming* magazine in the December 2017 issue.

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