**Nomination Form**

Name of Nominee (farm owners):

Farm Business Name:

Farm Registration Number:

Mailing Address:

Civic Address, County, Postal Code:

Phone Number E-mail Address:

Name of Nominator:

Nominee’s Signature:

**Please answer the following questions as they pertain to the farm operation and attach it to this form. Photographs, maps or letters of support are encouraged (please include a brief description). Please note, supporting documents will not be returned.**

1. Briefly describe the farm operation, e.g., commodity, farm size and landscape (water courses, slope of land, etc).

2. Describe how environmental considerations influence business decisions on the farm being nominated. (5 points)

3. Describe management practices that have been implemented and/or projects that have been undertaken to protect water, land and/or wildlife habitat. In your response, consider the following categories and comment on those that pertain to your operation. Fill a **minimum** of four categories. Also, please indicate if you have partnered or utilized other organizations with implementing these activities.

(70 points)

* Water use and management (e.g., irrigation, watercourses, conservation practices)
* Waste handling and disposal
* Nutrient management (e.g., soil testing, manure storage and handling, fertilizer use)
* Pesticide management (not limited to chemical pesticide use)
* Fuel storage and handling
* Soil management (e.g., tillage practices, crop rotation, erosion prevention)
* Wildlife habitat and biodiversity(e.g., woodland, riparian areas, wetlands)
* Energy conservation and renewable energy
* Other

4. Outline future goals for the farm operation with regards to environmental stewardship.

(15 points)

5. How do the farm owners demonstrate environmental stewardship within the farm community and the public? (10 points)

6. Other comments (optional).

Please submit your completed application form to:

**Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture**

**60 Research Drive, Bible Hill, NS B6L 2R2**

**Attention: Maxine MacLean** or email: mmaclean@nsfa-fane.ca

The deadline for receiving applications is **midnight on** **July 7th, 2017.** Applications will be judged by agricultural specialists on the basis of how well the stewardship actions of the applicant meet the judging criteria. The top scoring farms will be visited by the judging panel and an Environmental Farm Plan staff member before a final decision is made. Award finalists may be asked to participate in promotional projects or initiatives to increase public awareness of farm stewardship. The award winner will be presented with the award at the Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture’s annual banquet in November.

For additional information about the Farm Environmental Stewardship Award, visit the Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture’s website at: http://www.nsfa-fane.ca/EFP or call

(902) 893-2293.