

CONSERVATION EDUCATION AWARDS

The Conservation Education Awards are sponsored by the NC Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts. The intent is to recognize those teachers doing a great job of teaching conservation and those Districts having developed a great education program.

Award Categories:

- * Conservation District of the Year
- * North Carolina Elementary Conservation Education Teacher of the Year (Grades K-6)
- * North Carolina Secondary Conservation Education Teacher of the Year (Grades 7-12)

Deadline: September 1st

Judging Criteria:

Judging is based on documented information provided in the completed official entry forms and the narrative response to a list of specific questions/statements calling on the nominator to outline the accomplishments made which serve as the basis for the nomination. These forms and requirements follow.

Awards:

Plaques will be presented at the Association's Annual Statewide Meeting in January. State winner in each teacher category (K-6, 7-12) will receive \$300.00 cash and an additional \$150.00 to pay travel expenses.

TEACHER OF THE YEAR - CONSERVATION EDUCATION AWARDS

Nominations Open for Elementary and Secondary Educators

Two educators will win first place awards and receive a plaque and cash at the upcoming Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts.

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Participants - Please remember to:

- *Type double-spaced and only on one side of the Paper.*
- *Place materials in a three ring binder no larger than one inch.*
- *Identify item by number in upper right-hand corner of each page.*
- *Include supporting materials after each response.*
- *Be concise and write as you would speak.*

Reminder

Please read all of the following information carefully:

- We will not have a national Competition this year.
- Only first-place awards will be given out.
- Entries are not restricted to activities of the current year.
- Educators specializing only in environmental education are now eligible for the contest.

CONSERVATION EDUCATION AWARDS

Teacher of the Year Category

Purpose and Eligibility

The purpose of the Teacher of the Year contest is to recognize the outstanding conservation education efforts of our state's teachers. Elementary (grades K-6) and secondary teachers (grades 7-12) will be recognized in separate categories. All teachers in public, parochial and private schools in North Carolina are eligible.

To be eligible for the contest:

- Educators must be teaching full time in the classroom and be personally responsible for developing a conservation education program.
- A candidate's nomination must be endorsed by the Soil & Water Conservation District in which he or she is teaching.
- Teachers who are Conservation District officials are ineligible. But teachers who are Association officials are eligible.
- Team teachers are eligible, but awards will be made to the designated team leader.

Requirements

Any teacher who meets the eligibility requirements may enter the contest. Teachers may either nominate themselves or their peers may nominate them.

To enter the contest:

- Fill out the entry form on the adjacent page and have it signed by the chairman of the local Soil & Water Conservation District.
- Submit a typewritten narrative, which addresses the five items under "Content of Narrative."
- Place the entry form, narrative and all supporting documents into a standard, one-inch, three-ring binder. The binder does not need to be completely filled. Videos and CD-ROMs should not be included.
- Do not include more than two letters of recommendation.

Content of Narrative

Narratives must be typewritten and double-spaced on one side only of "8 1/2 x 11" paper. Type must not be smaller than 12 point. Narratives must address the five items listed. Every page should be identified by the number in the upper right hand corner corresponding to the item under content of narrative to which the response applies. Supporting materials should be located after each response.

1. Describe your program for involving students in the betterment of natural resources.
2. List and describe the areas of study incorporated in your conservation education program.
3. Describe any assistance received from community organizations or resource specialists from local, state or federal agencies or organizations.
4. Explain how the program is being extended to other grades, other areas and to people in the community.
5. Document how your students have applied their knowledge of natural resource conservation outside of your class to individuals, groups, schools and community projects.

Judging Criteria

Judging is based on data/information provided in response to items under "Content of Narrative" and on supporting materials. All materials should support the following question: How has the teacher shown concern, scope and originality in incorporating natural resource conservation into his/her curricula? Judges decisions are final.

Deadline

September 1--nominations must be submitted to NCASWCD, P.O. Box 27943, Raleigh 27611-7943.

Recognition

The winning teacher/s in K-6 and 7-12 grades will be recognized for their conservation education programs at the NC Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts Annual Meeting in January. We will recognize a winner in both elementary and secondary levels.

Each winning teacher will receive a plaque and \$300.00 cash award and will receive up to \$150.00 for expenses to attend the Annual Meeting of the NC Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts to accept their awards.

Sponsor

The North Carolina Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts sponsors the North Carolina Conservation Education Awards Program.

Your Local District

Your Local Soil & Water Conservation District also helps to support this program. To find your local District, try <http://www.ncagr.gov/SWC/findyourdistrict.html> or call 919-733-2302 for a contact number.

Need More Information?

Questions regarding the program should be directed to Sandra Weitzel (919-715-6680), one of your Regional Coordinators, or to the NCASWCD Executive Director (919-715-6104)

Return Completed Entries to:

NCASWCD AWARDS, P.O. Box 27943, Raleigh 27611-7943.

TEACHER OF THE YEAR

ENTRY FORM CONSERVATION EDUCATION AWARDS

(Please type all information and use this page as the cover sheet for your entry.)

Grade category (check one): _____ Elementary (K-6) _____ Secondary (7-12)

Name of Teacher _____

School _____

School address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Department _____ Grade level(s) _____

County _____

Number of Students in your school _____

What is the school-allocated budget for your conservation education programs _____?

Please list the subjects that you teach _____

May we use all or part of your program in our educational program? _____

Home Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone: Home (____) _____ School (____) _____

Entry will be returned to teacher's home address unless otherwise instructed here

NOMINATING CONSERVATION DISTRICT:

District Name: _____

District Chairman's Name: _____

District Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

District telephone: (____) _____

Is the above teacher a voting member of the Conservation District Board? _____ YES _____ NO

District Chairman's signature _____

Date _____

CONSERVATION EDUCATION AWARDS

DISTRICT of the YEAR

Nominations Open for District Education Programs

One District will win the first place award and receive a plaque at the Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts.

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Purpose and Eligibility

The purpose of the District of the Year contest is to recognize the outstanding conservation education efforts of our state's Conservation Districts. All Districts in the North Carolina are eligible to participate in the program.

Requirements

To enter the contest, you must:

- Fill out the entry form on the adjacent page and have it signed by the District Board chairman.
- Submit a typewritten narrative, which addresses the ten items under "Content of Narrative."
- Include the entry form, narrative and all supporting materials in a standard, one-inch, three-ring binder. The binder does not need to be completely filled. Videos and CD-ROMs should not be included.

Content of Narrative

Narratives must be typewritten and double-spaced on one side only of 8' x 11" paper. Type must not be smaller than 12 point. Narratives must address the ten items listed on this page. The response for each item must not exceed two pages and should be treated as a separate section. On every page, identify by number, in the upper right-hand corner, the item to which the response applies. Supporting materials should be located after each response.

1. What do you consider the District's most important educational activity during the year? What were the benefits and effects?
2. Describe your conservation education assistance to schools, colleges and universities. Describe materials, technical help and other assistance provided; list projects completed or underway; list scholarships provided to students.
3. List any workshops, training sessions, conservation tours, scholarships or other activities provided for teachers and note District involvement in each.
4. State the District's involvement with youth groups and organizations. Name them and outline the most significant educational programs or projects.
5. Explain your adult soil and water conservation education program. Identify materials, instructors, technical help, tours or other services the District provided.
6. Name any local conservation organizations receiving District educational assistance. Describe the type of help, programs or projects provided by the District.
7. Describe District involvement with local, state or federal agencies in conservation education programs.
8. Describe the District's public information program. Include outstanding programs done with newspapers, radio and television and the effect on District programs and on the community.
9. Provide information about your newsletter. List circulation and how it is used for educational purposes. Please include a copy of your Annual Report.
10. Describe other educational activities or programs, which may not have been covered by the above items. Identify the District's involvement in the planning or implementation, the number of people affected and other details which indicate its value and scope.

Judging is based on data provided in response to items under the above "Content of Narrative" and on supporting materials submitted. Decisions of the judges are final.

Important considerations in selecting program winners include:

- Comprehensiveness, scope and quality of your conservation education program.
- Assistance generated by the District from organizations, agencies and individuals for accomplishing educational objectives.
- Extent of District input into the educational programs of other organizations, including providing motivation, advice, technical assistance and organizational leadership.
- Types and effectiveness of activities informing teachers, youth and other community members about conservation issues.
- Extent of youth and educator involvement with the District's educational program.
- Involvement in and quality of adult education programs.

Deadline

September 1-Conservation District nominations must be submitted to NCASWCD Awards, NCASWCD, P.O. Box 27943, Raleigh 27611-7943.

Recognition

The winning Conservation District will be recognized for their conservation education programs at the NC Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts Annual Meeting.

Sponsor

The North Carolina Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts is the sponsor of this Conservation Education Awards Program.

Need More Information?

Questions regarding the program should be directed to your Regional Coordinator.

Return your entries to: NCASWCD, P.O. Box 27943, Raleigh 27611-7943.

DISTRICT OF THE YEAR

ENTRY FORM CONSERVATION EDUCATION AWARDS

(Please type all information and use this page as the cover sheet for your entry.)

Name of District _____

Chairman's name _____

Street address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip code _____ County _____

District telephone _____

Number of schools in your District _____ Number of students in your District _____

Our District is primarily: _____ Rural _____ Suburban _____ Urban

May we use all or part of your program in our educational and informational activities? _____ Yes _____ No

District chairman's signature _____ Date signed _____

DISTRICT EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

List the names and occupations of the District Education Committee members and indicate whether or not they are District officials.

Member Name	Occupation	District Official
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____
7. _____	_____	_____
8. _____	_____	_____
9. _____	_____	_____