

## 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**

August 27, 2018 --nominations must be submitted to Durham SWCD, 721 Foster St, Durham, NC 27701

### **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.

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

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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 \_\_\_\_\_