



Applications Are Now Being Accepted by NJDEP for the 2013 Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards

The Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards Program is the State's premier awards program for recognizing outstanding environmental performance, programs and projects throughout the state. These awards recognize individuals, businesses, educators, institutions, communities, organizations, youth and others who have made significant contributions to environmental protection in New Jersey. Over 120 entities have been recognized since the awards program was established in 2000. Nominations can be submitted for the following categories:

- Clean Air
- Innovative Technology
- Environmental Education – Educator and Student Led Projects
- Water Resources
- Land Conservation
- Healthy and Sustainable Communities & Businesses
- Healthy Ecosystems
- Environmentalist of the Year

Who is Eligible?

Nominations will be accepted from individuals, organizations, institutions or businesses. You may nominate yourself or your employer, as well as another company, individual, institution, or organization that you believe is worthy of recognition. However, self-nominations in the "Environmentalist of the Year" category will not be accepted. Applicants in this category must be nominated by someone else. In addition, all applicants/projects must:

- Be located in New Jersey, and;
- Be active within the past year, and;
- Agree to have their project shared with others through a written description to appear in an awards program and on the GEEA Web site (www.nj.gov/dep/eeawards/).

While NJDEP personnel may encourage parties to apply, applications may not be submitted by employees of the NJDEP. Moreover, the NJDEP, other State agencies and their employees are not eligible for awards.

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How can I participate?

Applications and information are available at <http://www.nj.gov/dep/eeawards/appform.htm>. You may apply electronically or mail three hard copies of your application and responses to the judging criteria to the address below by close of business on **September 6, 2013**.

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
Mail Code 401-07
401 East State Street
P.O. Box 402
Trenton, New Jersey 08625
Attention: Caroline Kirkland

How and when are the winners selected?

A panel of judges from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection management staff will evaluate all applications. Award recipients are typically notified in November.

What type of recognition do the winners receive?

Winners are recognized at an awards ceremony hosted by Senior NJDEP Officials. In addition, winners are featured on the Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards website at: (<http://www.nj.gov/dep/eeawards/index.html>), in press releases and in a display in the lobby of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection headquarters in Trenton.

Who should I contact with GEEA questions?

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