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2019 Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards Application is Now Available



The **Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards** Program is New Jersey's premier awards program for recognizing outstanding environmental performance, programs and projects throughout the state. These awards recognize individuals, businesses, institutions, communities, organizations, educators, youth and others who have made significant contributions to environmental protection in New Jersey. To date, 179 award winners have been recognized since the program was established in 2000.

Nominations can be submitted for the following categories:

- Climate Change and Clean Air
- Water Resources
- Healthy Ecosystems and Habitats.
- Land Conservation
- Healthy & Sustainable Communities and Healthy & Sustainable Businesses
- Environmental Education / Educator-Led and Student-Led Projects

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. In addition, all applicants/projects must:

- Be located in New Jersey; be active within the year prior to their application submission date (information about additional related experience is welcome); and
- Agree to have their project shared publicly, with a written description to appear in the awards program, in press materials and on the excellence awards website.

Third-party nominations must be accompanied by written authorization from the nominated party agreeing to consideration for the award. The DEP, other state departments and agencies, as well as state employees are ineligible for consideration and cannot submit award applications. Only one application per nominee will be accepted for consideration each year. Previous award recipients are invited to apply again, provided they choose an award category for which they have not been recognized and the activities in the nomination do not include those already recognized.

How can I participate?

The application and information is available online at www.nj.gov/dep/awards/19/app.pdf

Applications must be received by **Friday, October 4 at 5 p.m.** Applications can be submitted by email or mail. Electronic submissions should be emailed to Marc Rogoff at Marc.Rogoff@dep.nj.gov or one copy of the application should be mailed to:

Marc Rogoff
New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Communications
Mail Code: 401-07, 401 East State Street
P.O. Box 402, Trenton, New Jersey 08625

For questions about the application or awards program, call Tanya Oznowich at (609) 984-9802 or email Tanya.Oznowich@dep.nj.gov.

How and when are winners selected?

Groups of reviewers comprising professionals from the DEP will evaluate the applications. Each of the five judging criteria has an associated point value. The point values and criteria for each category can be viewed at www.nj.gov/dep/awards/19/app.pdf

The total number of points possible for each application is 100. Applications will only be scored on the answers to the five judging criteria. A maximum of three additional pages of supporting materials — such as articles, letters, diagrams, maps and photos — will be accepted. The application, cover form and supporting materials cannot exceed nine pages.

Award winners will be honored at a luncheon in December in Trenton or elsewhere in Mercer County.

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