



S.C. Environmental Awareness Award Guidelines & Nomination Form

*Promoting Environmental Awareness and Acknowledging Extraordinary Accomplishments in
the Protection, Conservation, and Improvement of Our Natural Resources*

Deadline for Nominations is October 17, 2025

Guidelines for the S.C. Environmental Awareness Award

The Environmental Awareness Award, presented annually, promotes awareness of the environment and acknowledges exemplary accomplishments in the protection, conservation, and improvement of our natural resources. Areas of accomplishment include, but are not limited to:

- ☐ Protection, conservation, or improvement of soil, water, or air;
- ☐ Protection or conservation of native plants, animals, or their habitats;
- ☐ Improvement of natural resource management;
- ☐ Benefits to wildlife (game or non-game); and
- ☐ Increased recreational or aesthetic values.

The award recipient must:

- ☐ Be a South Carolina resident;
- ☐ Possess upstanding moral character;
- ☐ Exemplify extraordinary dedication to preserving and improving the environment and natural resources of South Carolina.

Criteria:

Nominees for the award will be judged based on the impact of their accomplishments to protect, conserve, or improve our natural resources and environment. Specific criteria include the following:

- ☐ Degree of innovativeness, originality, or pioneering in the accomplishments.
- ☐ Degree that accomplishments promote leadership in protecting the environment.
- ☐ Size, scope, and impact of accomplishments.
- ☐ Degree that accomplishments promote educational opportunities for the public.
- ☐ Degree that accomplishments influence positive changes affecting the environment at the local, state, or national level.
- ☐ Short- or long-term benefits to the environment.

Judging:

The selection committee for the Environmental Awareness Award includes appointees from each of the following agencies:

- S.C. Sea Grant Consortium
- S.C. Forestry Commission
- S.C. Department of Natural Resources, Division of Land, Water, and Conservation
- S.C. Department of Natural Resources, Division of Marine Resources
- S.C. Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries
- S.C. Department of Environmental Services
- S.C. Department of Environmental Services, Bureau of Coastal Management

Note: all nominees will be considered for two consecutive award periods.

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Instructions and Requirements:

- All nominations for the award must include written responses to address the ten (10) information requests presented in this form under "Description of the Nominee's Accomplishments."
- Nominations may also include up to two photographs, no videos please.
- Completed nominations forms and materials should be emailed to Lindsey.Lachenmyer@des.sc.gov

Nominee's Contact Information:

Name of Nominee _____

Company or Organization Represented by Nominee (if applicable) _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

This nomination is submitted by:

Name _____

Company or Organization (if applicable) _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Description of the Nominee's Accomplishments:

1. Summary -- Provide a concise summary of the nominee's accomplishments in the protection, conservation, or improvement of our natural resources and environment.
2. Innovative or pioneering -- In what ways have the accomplishments of the nominee been innovative, original, or pioneering in the protection, conservation, or improvement of our natural resources and environment?
3. Leadership development -- How have the nominee's accomplishments promoted leadership in protecting, conserving, or improving of our natural resources and environment?
4. Financing -- How were the nominee's accomplishments financed?
5. Job related -- If the nominee had paid job duties that included their noted accomplishments (for protection, conservation, or improvement of our natural resources and environment), how has the nominee exceeded those job requirements?
6. Team supported -- How were other people or partners involved in the work of achieving the nominee's accomplishments?
7. Scope of impact, people -- How many people have been positively affected by the nominee's accomplishments?
8. Scope of impact, area -- What geographic area(s) was covered by the nominee's accomplishments? How are the accomplishments providing benefits at a local, state, or national level?
9. Scope of impact, time -- Have the nominee's accomplishments provided short or long-term benefits to natural resources and the environment? Please describe.
10. Public education -- How have the nominee's accomplishments promoted educational opportunities for the public (related to protecting, conserving, or improving of our natural resources and environment)?

Nominations should be emailed to:

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Subject Line: Environmental Awareness Award

THANK YOU!