

WVACD and Affiliated Awards and Contests Descriptions

All applications and information can be found on the WVCA and WVACD websites. www.wvca.org / www.wvacd.org

West Virginia Conservation Awards Council Awards

Carroll Greene Award

Purpose: Recognize conservation district supervisor that has done an outstanding job promoting wise conservation and development within their local conservation district and beyond.

Sponsor: West Virginia Conservation Awards Council

Due Date: Due to WVCAC by September 1 to HUDSONFARMSCSA@gmail.com, submitted by the conservation district's WVCA Administrative Specialist (AS).

Eligibility: Any current elected or appointed conservation district supervisor in West Virginia.

Selection Committee: WVCAC will coordinate the annual selection process. WV Association of Conservation District's current president will appoint members of the selection committee to include representatives from the following: WVCA, NRCS, and WVACD.

Awarded: Award will be presented at the annual awards and recognition luncheon held in conjunction with the fall quarterly meeting of WVACD.

Special Note: Any supervisor who wins the Carroll Greene Award (also known as Supervisor of the Year) will not be eligible for nomination for the following two (2) years.

Conservation Farm of the Year

Purpose: To showcase the best examples of farms demonstrating conservation Best Management Practices.

Sponsor: West Virginia Conservation Awards Council

Due Date: District winners are due to WVCA district director by June 15. Area judging and state judging are TBD each year.

Eligibility: County farms who have demonstrated excellent conservation measures in their daily operations. Eligibility is based upon the most current rules as published on the WVCA website.

Selection Committee: County and district farms are judged by their respective conservation district supervisors. Area and state judges are selected from the West Virginia Conservation Awards Council.

Awarded: The state level contenders will be announced at the annual awards and recognition luncheon held in conjunction with the fall quarterly meeting of WVACD.

Special Note: It is suggested that conservation districts select potential county farms early in the year to help staff and the farms prepare for the tour. County farm tours should occur in April or May to account for weather, tours, and formal approvals of winners for the county and district level.

WVACD History Committee Awards

Honorary Member Award

Purpose: To recognize past and present, living and deceased appointed or elected West Virginia conservation district supervisors. All supervisors nominated will be recognized.

Sponsor: WVACD History Committee

Due Date: Due to WVACD by September 15 by email wvacd@wvacd.us or by mail to WVACD 742 Airport Rd Sutton, WV 26601

Eligibility: Any current or past appointed or elected West Virginia Conservation District supervisor.

Selection Committee: WVACD History Committee

Awarded: Award will be presented at the annual awards and recognition luncheon held in conjunction with the fall quarterly meeting of WVACD.

Member at Large Award

Purpose: Awarded to an individual who has made a difference in providing outstanding contributions in conservation to West Virginia.

Sponsor: WVACD History Committee

Due Date: Due to WVACD by September 15 by email wvacd@wvacd.us or by mail to WVACD 742 Airport Rd Sutton, WV 26601

Eligibility: Open to any individual within a conservation district, or to West Virginia as a whole, that has provided outstanding service and dedication to conservation within the past year(s).

Selection Committee: WVACD History Committee

Awarded: Award will be presented at the annual awards and recognition luncheon held in conjunction with the fall quarterly meeting of WVACD.

WVACD Awards

Rookie Supervisor of the Year Award

Purpose: Recognize outstanding and exemplary first-time achievements and leadership in the protection and enhancement of soil and water resources by an elected or appointed West Virginia conservation district supervisor who is in their first term and has not previously served as a conservation district supervisor.

Sponsor: West Virginia Association of Conservation Districts

Due Date: Due to WVACD by September 1 by email wvacd@wvacd.us or by mail to WVACD 742 Airport Rd, Sutton, WV 26601

Eligibility: Open to a newly elected or appointed supervisor within their first term (cannot have served previously).

Selection Committee: Current WVACD president will select up to three (3) members of WVACD, NRCS, and/or other partners of WVACD.

Awarded: Award will be presented at the annual awards and recognition luncheon held in conjunction with the fall quarterly meeting of WVACD.

Poster Contest

Purpose: To explore and develop an understanding of the NACD Stewardship Week theme and to use creative arts to express the current year's theme.

Sponsor: West Virginia Association of Conservation Districts

Due Date: Each conservation district has their own local due date. District winning entries must be brought to the July quarterly meeting and presented to the Education Committee chair prior to the start of the committee meeting. Districts may submit up to 3 entries of their choosing in each grade category. The winning entries of the state level contest must be submitted to NACD by December 1 via email.

Eligibility: All kindergarten through twelfth grade students in private, home, or public school are eligible to compete.

Selection Committee: Conservation districts may set their own rules for judging at the local level. State level winners are judged by the Education committee and anyone else they feel should be included.

Awarded: Winning entries will be on display during the fall quarterly meeting of WVACD. Awards will be sent to conservation districts with winning entries to be presented at their local award ceremonies or other events.

Special Notes: It is suggested that conservation districts set a due date in June so that posters can be evaluated prior to the July quarterly meeting. This allows for the school year to end and for posters to be collected if done through any school or community outreach events.

Photo Contest

Purpose: To capture conservation moments within West Virginia.

Sponsor: West Virginia Association of Conservation Districts

Due Date: Each conservation district has their own local due date. District winning entries must be brought to the July quarterly meeting and presented to the Education Committee chair prior to the start of the committee meeting. Each district may submit up to 3 entries of their choosing in each contest category. The winning entries of the state level contest must be submitted to NACD by December 1 via email.

Eligibility: Open to amateur photographers who make 50% or less of their income from photography. Youth and adult categories. Most current rules can be found on the WVCA website.

Selection Committee: Conservation districts may set their own rules for judging at the local level. State level winners are judged by the Education committee and anyone else they feel should be included.

Awarded: Winning entries will be on display during the fall quarterly meeting of WVACD. Awards will be sent to conservation districts with winning entries to be presented at their local award ceremonies or other events.

Special Notes: It is suggested that conservation districts set a due date in June so that photos can be evaluated prior to the July quarterly meeting. This allows for the school year to end and for photos to be collected if done through any school or community outreach events.

Century Farm Program

Purpose: To honor farms that have been in operation for 100 years or longer.

Sponsor: West Virginia Association of Conservation Districts

Due Date: Applications due to conservation districts February 1st. Conservation districts ensure all applications are complete and finalize any necessary follow ups with applicants. Conservation districts send completed applications to Ken Brown by April 1st.

Selection Committee: Conservation districts ensure that all submitted applications meet the requirements. Final check will be completed by Ken Brown.

Awarded: Announcements will be made at the summer quarterly meeting of WVACD with intent that farm signs be available for pickup at that meeting. Conservation districts are to award and present at their convenience to awarded applicants.

Special Notes: The reason applications are due to conservation districts on February 1 and to Ken Brown April 1 is to allow conservation districts to ensure that applications are completed and materials are copied and any originals given back to applicants.

Excellence in Conservation Communication Award

Purpose: Recognizes a conservation district that has performed outstanding communication efforts in promoting conservation and their conservation district.

Sponsor: West Virginia Association of Conservation Districts

Due Date: September 1 to wvacd@wvacd.us or by mail to WVACD 742 Airport Rd, Sutton, WV 26601

Selection Committee: WVACD President will select judges that are involved in communications professionally and may include WVCA and/or NRCS staff and affiliates.

Awarded: One winner will be awarded at the fall awards and recognition luncheon held in conjunction with the WVACD quarterly meeting.

District of the Year (Education District of the Year)

Purpose: Recognize the outstanding conservation education efforts of conservation districts.

Sponsor: West Virginia Association of Conservation Districts

Due Date: District winning entries must be brought to the July quarterly meeting and presented to the Education Committee chair prior to the start of the committee meeting.

Selection Committee: WVACD Education Committee and anyone else they feel should be included.

Awarded: One winner will be awarded at the fall awards and recognition luncheon held in conjunction with the WVACD quarterly meeting.

Conservation Teacher of the Year

Purpose: To recognize the outstanding conservation efforts of West Virginia teachers. All teachers are eligible to be recognized.

Sponsor: West Virginia Association of Conservation Districts

Due Date: Each conservation district can set their own local deadline. Local winning entries should be submitted to WVACD on July 1 to wvacd@wvacd.us or by mail to WVACD 742 Airport Rd Sutton, WV 26601.

Selection Committee: The WVACD Education Committee

Conservation District Awards

Samara Program

Purpose: To increase awareness of West Virginia students regarding conservation and environmental issues.

Sponsor: West Virginia Conservation Districts

Due Date: Teachers request testing materials in February. Conservation districts distribute testing materials in March. Tests and results are due back to conservation districts the last week of April.

Selection Committee: Teachers are responsible for grading and submitting scores to conservation districts.

Awarded: Conservation districts are responsible for awarding students and teachers that participated. This should be completed prior to the end of the school year.