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Selection Guidelines

- Past award winners may not re-enter for a period of five (5) years after receiving an award. Commissioners are not eligible for Teacher of the Year Awards.

- Nomination forms must be postmarked no later than Friday, Monday, December 18, 2023, to be considered.

- If, in the judgment of the awards committee, there is no nomination at hand that meets the criteria for an SCACD award, no award will be given.

- Videos (4 minutes) and PowerPoint presentations will be accepted. Electronic files will be accepted (newsletters, scanned letters of recommendation, photo files, Word documents etc.). If submitting a nomination electronically, please put uncommon files into Adobe PDF format before sending (e.g. Publisher). Please email your completed nomination to Tina Blum (2scacd@gmail.com) or send hard copy to Tina Blum, 5 Geology Road, Columbia SC 29212.

Guidelines for each award must be strictly adhered to in order to be considered for the award.

You MUST include the “cover sheet” with each nomination:
- Award Category
- Nominee’s Name
- Nominated By
- Date Submitted

Awards Judging Committee:
The Awards Judging Committee will be comprised of members of the Awards Committee, representing each of the Conservation Partners, plus selected members of the SCACD Executive Committee.

Award Committee Members
Chair, Kenny Mullis, kennyblythewoodpastureservices.com
SCACD Board
This year’s awardees will receive the following:

**Commissioner of the Year**
- 1 full Conference registration
- Plaque

**Outstanding District of the Year**
- 6 tickets to the Awards Dinner
- A cash award of $200.00
- “The Pump” traveling award will be displayed in winners’ District Office for one year, a permanent plaque will be awarded when the traveling award is relinquished.

**Outstanding District Employee**
- 1 Conference registration
- A cash award of $100.00
- Plaque

**Teacher of the Year – Elementary (K-6th) **
- 2 tickets for the Awards Dinner
- A cash award of $100.00
- Plaque

**Teacher of the Year - Secondary (7th - 12th)**
- 2 tickets for the Awards Dinner
- A cash award of $100.00
- Plaque

**Outstanding Watershed of the Year**
- 4 Tickets to the Awards Dinner
- A cash award of $200.00
- “The Waterdrop” traveling award will be displayed in the winners' office for one year, a permanent plaque will be awarded when the traveling award is relinquished.

**Watershed Director of the Year**
- 1 full Conference registration
- Plaque

*** Please note that while Associate Commissioners of a Conservation District are eligible for teacher awards, Commissioners are not eligible.
The purpose of the Outstanding Conservation District Awards is to provide recognition and incentive to the State’s Conservation Districts to promote among landowners a realization of their stewardship of our natural resources. The award recognizes outstanding diverse conservation district programs.

What are your District’s major accomplishments in land application conservation, or ag/tech? These can include projects completes, current, and ongoing up to but no longer than past 3 years (examples – Soil Sampling, 319 Grants, RC&D Projects, etc.).

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Explain how your District demonstrates leadership for soil and water conservation.

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List educational programs, outreach, and continuing education provided for commissioners, staff, and constituents. List any special programs that are unique to your District.

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How does your District communicate with the citizens within your area? (Media, local legislative activities, affiliate membership programs, etc.)

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Send completed application including examples/photos (no more than 5 pages) along with supporting documents explaining clearly, why your Soil & Water Conservation District is an Outstanding District.
Nomination Form

Candidate’s Name ____________________________ District ______________________

Address, City, Zip _____________________________________________________________

Work Phone _______________ Cell Phone _______________ Home Phone _______________

Past and present activities as a Commissioner:

Years as a Commissioner ______ As an Associate Commissioner ______

District Office held now ________________________________________________________

Previously ______________________________________________________________________

Is the candidate an active member of the State Association (SCACD) ______

National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) ______

Does nominee attend regional meetings ______

Annual State Conference ______

Please list any offices and committee memberships in State or National Association

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Other special services to these associations __________________________________________
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Other conservation activities: Please list memberships and activities in conservation groups (such as Soil and Water Conservation Society, parks or conservation boards, planning, zoning, and/or land use).
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Church __________________________________________________________________________

School __________________________________________________________________________

Government ______________________________________________________________________

Other __________________________________________________________________________

Awards and Honors received previously
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Please list any other items that especially qualify this candidate for this award.
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Send completed application along with supporting documents. This includes newsletters articles and photos. This can include the past 3 years of achievements.
This award is given by the SCACD to recognize the accomplishments that a district employee has made locally and/or statewide to support and foster conservation efforts.

The nominee must be an employee of the local conservation district (district manager, administrative assistant, education coordinator, etc.).

Nominee ________________________________________________________________

Conservation District _______________________________________________________

Address (home), City, Zip ___________________________________________________

Work Phone _______________ Cell Phone ________________ Home Phone ___________

Did the employee attend any State and/or National function? _______

List any of the State, Mid-Year, Joint or Legislative Conferences, Southeast Meeting, etc.
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Does the employee participate in or a member of other conservation related boards or groups? _______

If, Yes List __________________________________________________________________

Please attach a one-page outline of the accomplishments of the nominee.

Send completed application (no more than 2 pages) along with supporting documents. This includes newsletters articles and photos. This can include the past 3 years of achievements.
District submitting nomination _____________________________________________________

Address (home), City, Zip _________________________________________________________

Work Phone _____________ Cell Phone _____________ Home Phone _____________

Name and Location of School _______________________________________________________

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Grade Level __________ Subject Teaching ___________________________________________

How long has the teacher been teaching at this grade level? __________

**Part A: Education and Activities**

List conservation and related courses and workshops you have attended

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List your experience in conservation and conservation education, such as employment, working with youth groups, etc.

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List conservation related organizations to which you belong and activities in which you participate. A brief narrative summarizing your activity relating to your providing in-service opportunities to other teachers is appropriate if not covered in this list.

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Part B: Describe your approach to conservation education and give examples
(a) the classroom, (b) outdoor activities, (c) student projects, (d) community resources

Two awards will be given. One for Grades K-6th and one for Grades 7th-12th

Commissioners are not eligible for this award.

Send completed application (no more than 2 pages) along with supporting documents. This includes newsletters articles and photos. This can include the past 3 years of achievements.
Nomination Form

Watershed_____________________________________________________

District submitting nomination __________________________________________

Address, City, Zip _______________________________________________________

Work Phone ____________ Cell Phone ____________ Home Phone ____________

When Watershed was established ____________

Write about the accomplishments of the Watershed and what has been done to improve and maintain the watershed.

Send completed application (no more than 2 pages) along with supporting documents. This includes newsletters articles and photos. This can include the past 3 years of achievements.
Nomination Form

Candidate’s Name _________________________________________________________________

Watershed________________________________________________________________________

District submitting nomination _____________________________________________________

Address, City, Zip _________________________________________________________________

Work Phone _______________ Cell Phone ________________  Home Phone _______________

Years as a Director ____________

Past and present activities as a Watershed Director:

Write about their accomplishments as a Watershed Director and what they have done to improve and maintain their watershed. Include related organizations in which they belong and activities in which they participate.

Send completed application (no more than 2 pages) along with supporting documents. This includes newsletters articles and photos. This can include the past 3 years of achievements.