



**South Carolina Association
of Conservation District**

2023 Awards and Recognition Program

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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.



AWARD CATEGORY

NOMINEE'S NAME

NOMINATED BY

DATE SUBMITTED



2023 Outstanding Conservation District Award

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.).

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

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

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

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.



2023 Outstanding Conservation District Commissioner Award

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

Other special services to these associations _____

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).

Church _____

School _____

Government _____

Other _____

Awards and Honors received previously

Please list any other items that especially qualify this candidate for this award.

Send completed application along with supporting documents. This includes newsletters articles and photos. This can include the past 3 years of achievements.



2023 Outstanding District Employee Award

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.

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.



2023 Conservation Teacher of the Year Award

District submitting nomination _____

Address (home), City, Zip _____

Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Home Phone _____

Name and Location of School _____

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

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

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.

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.



2023 Outstanding Watershed of the Year

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.



2023 Watershed Director Of the Year Award

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.