



2026 Awards and Recognition Program

Outstanding Conservation District Employee of the Year Award

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Selection Guidelines:

- Past award winners may not reenter for a period of five (5) years after receiving an award. Commissioners are not eligible for Teacher of the Year Awards. Associate Commissioners are eligible for Teacher of the Year Awards.
- Regional Nomination forms must be received by SCACD no later than Tuesday, June 30, 2026, to be considered. If mailing nominations, please mail at least one week in advance to ensure receipt by the deadline. SCACD is NOT able to accept entries received after Tuesday, June 30, 2026.
- If, in the judgement of the judging panel of the Awards Committee, there is no nomination at hand that meets the criteria for a SCACD award, no award will be given.
- You MUST include a Cover Sheet with each nomination that includes the following detail: Award Category, Nominee's Name, Nominator, Date Submitted.
- Electronic files will be accepted as supplemental materials to the application. They will not be accepted in lieu of an application. Electronic files may include: newsletters, scanned letters of recommendation, photo files, Word documents, etc. Please do not submit more than 2 pages of electronic files per application.
- If submitting a nomination electronically, please consolidate all files into one PDF for each nomination.
- Please email your completed nomination to awards@scacdo.org or mail a hard copy to SCACD, 5 Geology Rd. Columbia, SC 29212.
- Guidelines for each award must be strictly adhered to in order to be considered for the award.

Judging Panel of the Awards Committee:

The judging panel for the 2026 SCACD Regional Awards will be comprised of Area District Commissioners (up to 4), the SCDNR Conservation Districts Area Coordinator, the SCACD Area Representative, an NRCS Regions Representative (volunteer), and one Area District employee (volunteer).

Area Award winners will be submitted for statewide awards. Statewide winners will be nominees for National awards.



2026 Awards and Recognition Cover Sheet

Award Category:

Nominee's Name:

Nominated By:

Date Submitted:



2026 Outstanding Conservation District Employee of the Year Award Application

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, State, 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 or Regional Meetings attended:

Does the employee participate in or is the employee a member of other conservation related boards or groups:

If yes, please list:

Please outline the accomplishments of the nominee:

Please send your completed applications to awards@scacd.org. You may include up to two pages of supporting documents (photos, newspaper articles, etc.) in addition to this application.