

# “OUTSTANDING SCHOOL OF THE YEAR”

## *08/09 Conservation Education Awards*

NAME AND ADDRESS OF SCHOOL SUBMITTING APPLICATION \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF PRINCIPAL OR HEADMASTER \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE LEVELS REPRESENTED AT YOUR SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF STUDENTS AT YOUR SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

Please answer the following questions. You may attach additional sheets if needed.

1. Do you have a Conservation Education Committee at your school? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Did this committee help plan the conservation activities for the school year? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Did your school participate in Farm-City Week Observance? (November) \_\_\_\_\_  
Give a brief summary of activities.

4. Did your school participate in the observation on Arbor Day? (December) \_\_\_\_\_  
Give a brief summary of activities.

5. Did your school participate in the conservation poster contest for grades K-4? \_\_\_\_\_  
If so, how many students participated? (Number of) \_\_\_\_\_ Kindergarten Students  
\_\_\_\_\_ First Grade Students  
\_\_\_\_\_ Second Grade Students  
\_\_\_\_\_ Third Grade Students  
\_\_\_\_\_ Fourth Grade Students

6. Did your school participate in the observance of National Wildlife Week? (March) \_\_\_\_\_  
Give a brief summary of activities.

Were teacher's packets ordered through the Conservation District Office? \_\_\_\_\_

How many students participated? \_\_\_\_\_

7. Did your school participate in the conservation essay contest for grades 5-9? \_\_\_\_\_  
If so, how many students participated?  
(Number of) \_\_\_\_\_ 5th grade Students  
\_\_\_\_\_ 6th grade Students  
\_\_\_\_\_ 7th grade Students  
\_\_\_\_\_ 8th grade Students  
\_\_\_\_\_ 9th grade Students

8. Did your school librarian set up a conservation reference area for books related to conservation contest \_\_\_\_\_ topics?  
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9. Did any of your students utilize the F. E. DuBose Conservation Education Center at the Harvin Clarendon County Library for reference materials in developing their essays?  
\_\_\_\_\_ If \_\_\_\_\_ so, \_\_\_\_\_ how \_\_\_\_\_ many?  
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10. Did your school nominate a teacher for the "Outstanding Conservation Teacher of the Year" award? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, please give the name and address of the teacher nominated.  
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11. Do you have students representing your school on the Clarendon Conservation District Youth Board for students in grades 9-12? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, how many? \_\_\_\_\_ Please give the name of Youth Board members from your school.  
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12. Have they been actively involved in your school's conservation education programs? \_\_\_\_\_ Give a brief description of their participation and accomplishments.  
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13. Did your school sponsor a conservation-speaking contest for students in grades 9-12? \_\_\_\_\_ Did your school have a representative participate in the Conservation District (County) Speaking Contest? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, how many?  
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14. Did your school participate in the observance of Soil and Water Stewardship Month in May? \_\_\_\_\_ Give a brief description of your activities  
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15. Does your school sponsor a science fair? \_\_\_\_\_ Did your students participate in the Regional Science Fair? \_\_\_\_\_ Was their an entry relating to natural resource conservation?  
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16. Is there an outdoor classroom at your school? \_\_\_\_\_ How is it being utilized?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ If not, has your school begun development of an outdoor classroom, or study area? \_\_\_\_\_ Did your school receive planning assistance from the Clarendon Conservation District?  
\_\_\_\_\_

17. Have you requested assistance from the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service, Clemson Extension Service, etc., to help with erosion problems, tree planting, grassing, etc. on your school grounds? \_\_\_\_\_ Please list the agencies you received assistance from along with the practices \_\_\_\_\_ advised \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ assisted \_\_\_\_\_ on.

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18. Has The S. C. Forestry Commission evaluated the timber on your school grounds or the possibility of planting \_\_\_\_\_ trees?

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19. Did or will any of your students attend the Conservation Workshop for Youth at Lander University conducted by the SC Dept. of Natural Resources in June for students in grades 9-11? \_\_\_\_\_

Note: The Clarendon Conservation District normally sponsors two Clarendon County students to this workshop each year. (Based on available funding)

20. How many talks/presentations were provided to your school by agencies listed below:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Clarendon Soil and Water Conservation District
- \_\_\_\_\_ Clarendon Conservation District Youth Board
- \_\_\_\_\_ Natural Resources Conservation Service
- \_\_\_\_\_ Clemson Extension Service
- \_\_\_\_\_ S. C. Forestry Commission
- \_\_\_\_\_ U. S. Forestry Service
- \_\_\_\_\_ U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

21. How many conservation bulletin boards or displays did you have at your school?

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22. Did you request and receive information and literature from any natural resource agencies for use at your school? \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO From which agencies?

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23. How would you rate the assistance received from the Clarendon Soil and Water Conservation District? Poor \_\_\_\_\_ Fair \_\_\_\_\_ Average \_\_\_\_\_ Above Average \_\_\_\_\_ Excellent \_\_\_\_\_

24. Did your school publish any news articles on conservation in the local newspapers and if so, how many? \_\_\_\_\_

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25. Give a summary of your accomplishments in conservation education and the benefits of your school's program(s) to your students.

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26. Please describe any conservation activities or event that your school participated in that is not covered by this award form.

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# Outstanding Conservation School of the Year Award Program

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Clarendon Soil & Water Conservation District*

The outstanding conservation school of the year award is presented to recognize the achievements of an overall conservation program in a school - public or private - in Clarendon County, and as incentive to utilize the assistance in conservation education provided by the Clarendon Conservation District and other Natural Resource Agencies. The first place winner will receive \$100.

## **Contest Information**

**Winning School will receive \$100 Prize!!!!**

1. Any Clarendon County school, public or private, is eligible to participate.
2. The Award form must be typed and in a three ring binder - all supporting materials should be no larger than 8½ X 11 or folded to fit and should not exceed 10 pages.
3. Complete information and documentation is essential. Judging is based solely on data provided in response to the questions on the nomination form and supporting materials. Supporting materials will be accepted only for the current school year.
4. Number of students attending your school is not a consideration in judging. Opportunities offered to your students to learn about conservation and natural resource management is important and will be evaluated. Some questions may not pertain to your school, such as, "How many students are members of the Conservation District Youth Board?" These considerations will be weighed fairly among applicable schools when judging and are strictly for Clarendon Conservation District's information.

## **Judging Schedule**

Prior to or on **April 3, 2009**, the completed award form and supporting materials must be submitted:

Clarendon Conservation District  
9 B West Rigby Street  
Manning, SC 29102

Remember - Assistance is available so that a positive response can be made to these questions. Call your Conservation District for help. (435-2612, ext. 3)