

# TEACHER OF THE YEAR

## 08/09 CONSERVATION EDUCATION AWARDS

\$50 – 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner

### Purpose and Eligibility

The purpose of the Teacher of the Year contest is to recognize the outstanding conservation education efforts of teachers to advance wise use, protection, and enhancement of natural resources. Elementary (grades K-6) and secondary (grades 7-12) educators will be recognized in separate categories. All teachers in public and private schools in Clarendon County are eligible to participate in the program. To be eligible for the contest:

- Educators must be teaching full-time in the classroom and be personally responsible for developing a conservation education program.
- Teachers who are conservation district officials cannot compete, but associate officials may.
- Team teachers are eligible, but awards will only be made to the designated leader.
- Educators who submit an entry and do not win the award may resubmit their entries the following year.
- Deadline for Submission is April 3, 2009.

### Requirements

Any teacher who meets the eligibility requirements may enter the contest. Teachers can nominate themselves, or someone else can nominate them. To enter the contest:

- Use entry form as cover sheet
- Submit a typewritten narrative which addresses the five items under “Content of Narrative”
- Include the entry form, narrative and all supporting materials stapled in the upper left-hand corner. Notebooks or binders should not be used.
- A maximum of ten pages may be submitted for judging including photos and supplemental information.

### Content of Narrative

Narratives must be typewritten and double-spaced on one side only of 8 ½ x 11 paper. Type must not be smaller than 12 point (elite) Narratives must address the five items listed on this page. The response for each item must not exceed two pages and should be treated as a separate section. On every page, identify by number in the upper right-hand corner the item to which the response applies. Supporting materials should be located after each response.

- 1. Describe your program for involving students in the betterment of natural resources.**
- 2. List and describe the areas of study incorporated in your conservation education program.**
- 3. Describe any assistance received from community organizations or resource specialists from local, state or federal agencies or organizations.**
- 4. Explain how the program is being extended to other grades, other areas and to people in the community.**
- 5. Document how your students have applied their knowledge of natural resource conservation to individuals, groups, schools and community projects.**

### Judging Criteria

Judging is based on data provided in response to items under “Content of Narrative” and on the supporting materials. All materials should support the following question: How has the teacher shown concern, scope and originality in incorporating natural resource conservation into his or her curriculum? Questions, call the Clarendon Conservation District at 803/435-2612 Ext: 3

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PLEASE TYPE ALL INFORMATION AND USE THIS PAGE AS THE COVER SHEET FOR YOUR ENTRY.

Grade category (check one): \_\_\_\_\_ Elementary (K-6) \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary (7-12)

Name of teacher \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

School address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Department \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level (s) \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_

Approximately how many students are enrolled in the school? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the school-allocated budget for the teacher's conservation education program?

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Please list the subject (s) that the teacher teaches: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

May the District use all or part of your program in its educational and informational activities?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Teacher's Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Home (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ School (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Entry will be returned to the teacher's home address unless otherwise instructed here:

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**Nominating Individual (if different from above):**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons for nominating this teacher? \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_

Date