

Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Nomination Form: Educator of the Year

The Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD) sponsors an annual natural resources Educator of the Year Award to:

- Reward outstanding natural resources education efforts in our state
- Promote natural resources education
- Provide recognition to NRDs and the NARD

Elementary (K-6) and secondary (7-12) educators will be recognized in separate categories. All teachers in public, parochial and private schools in Nebraska may participate.

Criteria

- Educators must be teaching full-time in the classroom and be personally responsible for developing a natural resource education program.
- A candidate's nomination must be endorsed by their local Natural Resource District in which he or she is teaching.
- Team teachers are eligible, but awards will only be made to the designated leader.
- Educators only may qualify for this award once every 10 years.
- Educators who submit an entry and do not win the award may resubmit their entries the following year.

Nominations

1. Nominations must include:
 - Nominee name, address, telephone number
 - Submitting NRD name, address, and telephone number
 - Support information including:
 - Background information
 - Natural resources education activities (history and success)
 - Other support information (conservation promotion/educational activities, other conservation activities and awards, etc.)
 - Each nomination must include at least **four** photographs. You will be asked to obtain a photo of the nominee(s) if they are chosen as the winner.
2. Nominations must not exceed **two** typed, double-spaced pages. Please try and include any supplemental information, e.g. newspaper articles, photographs, etc.

Content of Narrative

In the nomination, please address the five items listed below:

1. Describe the program involving students in the betterment of natural resources.
2. List and describe the areas of study incorporated in your natural resource education program.
3. Describe any assistance received from community organization 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 students have applied their knowledge of natural resource conservation to individuals, groups, school and community projects.

Judging Criteria

Judging is based on information provided under “Content of Narrative” and on supporting materials. All materials should support the following question: *How has the teacher shown concern, scope and originality in incorporating natural resources conservation into their curricula?*

Procedure

1. Any individual, organization, teacher or agency is encouraged to submit a nomination to a local NRD. Each NRD may submit only one nomination.
2. Nominations must be submitted to the NARD office by May 1.
NARD
Attn: Awards Committee
8100 S. 15th St., Suite B
Lincoln, NE 68512
3. The NARD Board Information & Education Committee will serve as the selection committee.
4. The recipient will be recognized at the NARD Annual Fall Conference. The NARD Executive Director or thier designee will present the award.

Nomination Due May 1