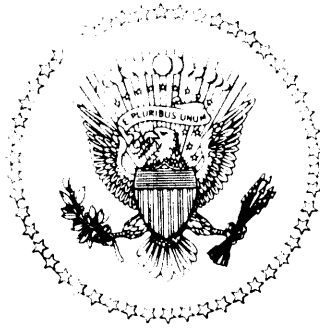




The President's Environmental Youth Awards



1993 National Winners

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Young people in all fifty states are invited to participate in the President's Environmental Youth Awards Program, which offers them, individually and collectively, an opportunity to become an environmental force within their community. The President's Environmental Youth Awards Program encourages individuals, school classes, schools, summer camps, public interest groups, and youth organizations to promote local, positive community involvement.



"Environmental Protection begins with environmental education. Only by learning how we relate to our environment can we contribute to making and keeping the world around us a safer, cleaner place to live."

Carol M. Browner
Administrator

1993 Project Examples

While on vacation from Barrington, Rhode Island, fifth-grader Kate McCalmont saw turtles hatching on the beach. Kate observed that many of the baby turtles did not survive. That sparked her interest in the study of turtles. Back home, Kate found the endangered Diamondback Terrapin existing in Barrington's Hundred Acre Cove. She launched an extensive campaign to protect the endangered terrapin. Kate persuaded the Town Council to name the terrapin Barrington's official town animal.

Nineteen students at Hopatcong, New Jersey Middle School observed how the brook trout is highly sensitive to changes in its natural habitat and is, therefore, a good indicator of environmental quality. New Jersey has designated the brook trout a threatened species. The students formed the Brook Trout Bunch and began activities to educate the public about the brook trout's habitat and sensitivity to pollution. Governor James Florio visited their school to sign the bill designating the Brook Trout as New Jersey's State Fish.

Twelve students at Franklin County Middle School, Carnesville, Georgia formed the SWaMP (Solid Waste Management Plan) Kids group to tackle the problem of solid waste in

their community. They researched the Georgia Solid Waste Management Act of 1991 and wrote and published a Solid Waste Management Plan for Franklin County, Georgia. They assisted the county and five cities in getting organized to support the plan. The SWaMP Kids believed there were errors in the county's solid waste cost report and contacted their legislators. Franklin County is amending its report. They produced a video tape now being used to educate the public about the problem of solid waste and possible solutions to the problem.

Nineteen students of Tillicum Middle School, Bellevue, Washington formed Waste Busters to implement and maintain the school's waste reduction and recycling programs. They also designed and built a prototype washable aluminum pizza box and a plastic pizza box. The pizza company that delivers pizzas to the school has ordered the plastic boxes. The students are waiting to see if the use of plastic pizza boxes will spread to other restaurants.



*William Davidson of
Saugus, California and
Vice President Al Gore*

How The Program Works

The program has two components: the regional certificate program and the national awards competition. Regional certificates are awarded by the Regional Offices of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The national award winners are selected by the Regional Offices and their recognition program is administered by EPA Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Regional Certificate Program

The sponsor must complete the attached application and mail it to the appropriate EPA Regional Office (see listing on back of brochure). The regional certificate program is conducted year-round; therefore, applications for the regional program can be submitted at any time.

If a project is completed in the regional component of the program, all participants will receive certificates signed by the President of the United States, honoring them for their efforts in environmental protection.

National Awards Competition

If a project produced especially significant results, sponsors are encouraged to enter the national awards competition by marking the

appropriate box on the application. One outstanding project from each of the ten EPA Regions is selected for national honors.

National individual project winners, or one representative from a national award-winning group project, along with one project sponsor, will receive an expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. They will participate in the annual National Awards Ceremony, and consult with the EPA Youth Work Group about the President's Environmental Youth Awards Program and other environmental education initiatives for young people.

The President's Environmental Youth Awards program was expanded in 1991 to include corporate sponsorship and grants. The Keebler Company presented \$1,000 grants to each winner. Church & Dwight Company, Inc., makers of Arm & Hammer Baking Soda, hosted a luncheon, presented a \$1,000 grant to each winner, and also presented a smaller grant to the first, second, and third runner-up in each region.

Application Procedures

Although creativity is encouraged, applications must conform to the following guidelines:

* The sponsor(s) MUST sign and date the application.

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- The application must summarize the project in no less than three and no more than five 8-1/2 by 11 inch pages, not including supporting materials. These supporting materials may include mounted photographs, news clippings, and other supplemental items such as full texts of scientific papers. Typed (double spaced) applications are encouraged. Applicants should type or write only on one side of each sheet.
- Applicants are strongly urged to follow the specific criteria that the Regional Judging Panel



*Water Conservation
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EPA Administrator
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President Gore*

will use to evaluate applications. (See Judging Criteria.) Because judges cannot visit projects, students are encouraged to include photographs, newspaper articles, and other supporting materials with their applications. This will help the judging panel to gain a more comprehensive view of a project.

- On a separate sheet of paper, attached to the 3-5 page application, list the group name (if applicable), names of individuals and addresses of all project participants and sponsors. Also list the project name if it has one. The sponsor's home and work telephone numbers and signature must appear on this sheet.

How To Apply Eligibility

To be eligible, a young person, or group of young persons, must have completed an environmental project while in grades kindergarten through 12, and the project must be sponsored by at least one adult representative of their school, camp, youth group, or public interest group.

Application Deadline

To participate in the annual national awards competition, projects must be completed by July 31 of the award year; applications must be mailed to the appropriate Regional Office; and applications must be postmarked by July 31 or earlier of the same award year. Do not mail the application to EPA Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Judging Criteria

Each Regional Awards Panel will judge projects on:

- The environmental need for the project.
- The environmental appropriateness of the project.
- Accomplishment of goals.
- The long-term environmental benefits derived from the project.
- Positive environmental impact on the local community and society.
- The extent to which the project was designed, coordinated, and implemented due to the young person's or persons' initiative.
- The positive ways in which other groups or individuals were involved to provide funds, resources, or publicity.
- Innovation.
- Soundness of approach, rationale, and scientific design (if applicable).
- Clarity and effectiveness of presentation.

Role of Sponsor

The adult sponsor plays an important role in helping a young person or group of young people carry out their projects and apply for awards. Sponsors should offer suggestions and advice on:

- Developing a sound approach to the project.
- Project implementation.
- Working with other groups and individuals in the community.
- Completing the application form(s) and preparing accompanying materials.

The sponsor must be an adult and can be a teacher, youth group advisor, summer camp counselor, or community leader. Young people must work closely with the sponsor(s) throughout the project and application procedures. Questions not answered by this brochure can be directed to your state's EPA regional office.

President's Environmental Youth Awards Application

This is a voluntary program. Applications should be completed only by those who wish to participate.

Individual, School, Camp, or Youth Group. (Circle One)

Name	_____
Street	_____
City	_____ State _____ Zip _____

Sponsor

Name	_____	Telephone ()	_____
Street	_____		
City	_____	State	_____ Zip _____

Project Award To Be Considered For: REGIONAL ☐ NATIONAL ☐ AWARD (Check One or Both).

Describe Project and results achieved.	Number of Certificates Required	_____
	Project Dates	
	Beginning	_____
	Ending	_____
	Presentation Date or Last Day of Term	_____
Name organizations which helped on project and describe how they helped.	Did Project Recieve Press Coverage?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	If "Yes" attach Press Clippings	

On a separate sheet of paper, please list the name(s), addresses, ages and grades of individuals qualifying for awards. Print or type the name(s)

Signatures Application must be signed by adult sponsors.

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