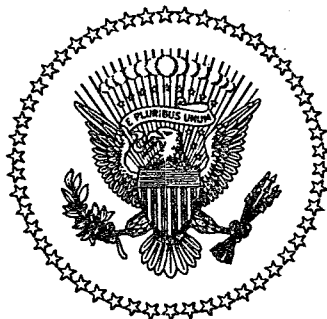




The President's Environmental Youth Awards



1994 National Winners

The Presidents Environmental Youth Awards

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 environmental awareness and to channel this awareness into positive community involvement.

"Preserving the environment is at the core of everything we have to do in our own country...As we renew our environment, we renew our national community."

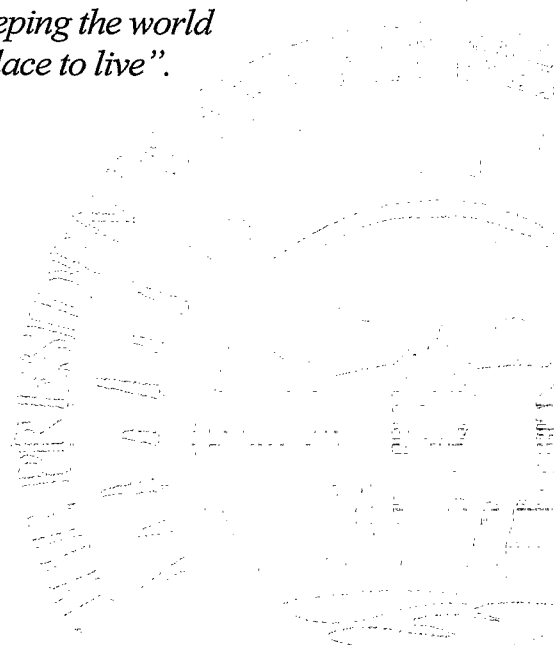


President Bill Clinton



Carol M. Browner
Administrator

"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".



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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)

Sponsor

Name _____
Street _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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?
☐ Yes ☐ 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.

1994 Project Examples

On the island of Maui, is an ancient royal Hawaiian fishpond called Kanaha Pond that had become overgrown and was being used as a dump. Six members of Girl Scout Cadette Troop 460 cut overgrown bushes and trees, removed tons of trash, pulled weeds and reintroduced native grasses and plants. Native waterfowl including the rare Hawaiian Stilt have returned to Kanaha Pond.

In Colorado, Hygiene Elementary School project SOS-Save our Species-was a year-long study of wildlife and global habitats of endangered species. They designed and published an endangered species calendar, a 50-page coloring book, a conservation newspaper, and ten global habitat books. Every hallway was converted into a "hallway habitat" such as an Asian jungle or coral reef. Over 1,000 people attended their community environmental festival.

Future Farmers of America (FFA) members of Morgan County High School in Georgia started an environmental awareness program "Recycle Soon It's Vital to Our Planet (RSVP). They built and continue to operate the first

county-wide recycling center-reducing the amount of trash in the landfill by 300,000 pounds. They used the proceeds to construct and maintain an Outdoor Environmental Study Area and Classroom. This area consists of a three-acre "wildlife habitat" centered around a once nonexistent, one-acre pond. They drafted a state resolution, House Bill No. 168, that was passed by the State Legislature to encourage all citizens in Georgia to recycle and to respect the environment.

Boy Scout Troop 152 of Fayetteville, New York worked to revive a stream erosion abatement project at the Carpenter's Brook Fish Hatchery. On week-ends they camped out on the grounds of the hatchery and worked in shifts to construct a dam using natural log materials. The dam provides food, shelter and living space for the trout that inhabit the stream.



Kendal Maalea tackles some of the tangled brush around Kanaha Pond

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



Additional participants of winning projects with EPA Administrator Browner and Vice 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.

Materials submitted as an entry may be used by EPA to provide information about special projects or about the President's Environmental Youth Awards Program.