



Kentucky Conservation Teacher Of the Year Award: 2025

Sponsored by: The Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts

Purpose and Eligibility

The purpose of the Kentucky Conservation Teacher of the Year Award is to recognize the outstanding conservation education efforts of Kentucky's teachers in grades K-12.

Elementary (grades K-5) and secondary (grades 6-12) educators will be recognized in separate categories. All teachers in public, parochial and private schools in Kentucky are eligible to participate in the program.

Entry Procedure:

Entry must be submitted to KADC by the Local Conservation District. Documentation of the teachers work, based on the judging criteria, may be sent electronically via email to: Crystal.Renfro.KACD@outlook.com. All documentation should be limited to 10 pages and divided into sections according to the standard criteria. **Please use this form as the cover of your application.**

****Hard copies mailed in will NOT be accepted****

Deadline: May 1, 2025

Recognition

Teachers in both elementary (grades K-5) and secondary (grades 6-12) categories will be recognized on the state level by the Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts at their 2025 Annual Meeting in Louisville, KY.

The state selects an elementary winner, and a secondary winner. The state winners receive a state certificate and cash award to be used by the teacher as they see appropriate.

Questions:

- Conservation District Name: _____
- Did your District pay KACD Dues for 2023-2024: _____
- Did your District pay some amount to NACD for 2023-2024 Dues: _____
- Most recent DIGS score: _____

Information:

Grade Category (circle one): Elementary (K-5) or Secondary (6-12)

Name of Teacher: _____

Name and Location of School: _____

Department: _____ Grade Level: _____

Number of Years Teaching at this Grade Level: _____

All entries will be judged on the following criteria: (please use a font no smaller than 12 point, double-spaced.)

- 1) Please describe how the teacher has helped build a soil, water, and natural resources ethic in their students and inspire them to be good stewards of Kentucky's 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) Please include any pictures, documents, or data that you feel will assist in the judges understanding their conservation programs.