



# *Kentucky Conservation Teacher Of the Year Award: 2024*

**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](mailto: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, 2024**

## **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 2024 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 2022-2023: \_\_\_\_\_
- Did your District pay some amount to NACD for 2022-2023 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.