



Outstanding Conservation District Recognition Program: 2025

Sponsored by: The Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts

The Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts (KACD) Recognition Program emphasizes the concepts of planning for success, conservation education, public relations, legislative and outreach programs. Participation in this program will help your district evaluate its programs and provide ideas for improvement.

KACD will recognize two conservation districts for their outstanding programs - one from the west (Areas 1- 4) and one from the east (Areas 5 - 9). These two districts will receive recognition at the Annual KACD State Meeting and will be required to provide a 5–7-minute presentation at the Annual Meeting about their outstanding programs. Each district will receive a plaque and cash award to be used by the winning district as they see appropriate.

In addition, the KACD will recognize one winner from each of the nine Soil and Water Conservation Areas with a certificate.

Entry Procedure:

Documentation of the District's work, based on the judging criteria, may be sent electronically via email to: Crystal.Renfro.KACD@outlook.com. All documentation should be limited to 40 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

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: _____

Criteria:

All entries will be judged on the following criteria:

- 1) **District Planning:** Each entry should submit a copy of their 2023-2024 Annual Plan of Work, Annual Budget, and Annual Report. This will give judges the opportunity to evaluate the success of the district in implementing its Annual Plan of Work.
- 2) **District Public Relations, Legislative and Outreach Programs:** Each district entry should submit a collection of articles, photos, brochures, and other supporting data or lists, which shows the success of the district's public relations, legislative and outreach programs. A list of legislative contacts, field days, soil stewardship activities, District Awards given, outreach programs, and any other public relations efforts.
- 3) **Conservation Education:** Each entry should submit documentation of the district's efforts toward a comprehensive education program. Information concerning teachers' workshops, student workshops, outdoor education, and other conservation education efforts should be documented.
- 4) **Other:** Please list any other conservation related activities/programs that the district participates in that you would like to provide to the judges.