

2012 OUTSTANDING ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATOR AWARD



Throughout the year, exceptional teachers prepare students to become environmentally aware citizens through outdoor experiences and imaginative lesson plans. For the 31st year the Delaware Nature Society wishes to recognize public or private school teachers in Delaware by presenting its Outstanding Environmental Educator Award.

AWARD

Award recipient receives:

- 1) An original, personalized Award Certificate
- 2) \$300 coupon towards a Delaware Nature Society program for personal enrichment or towards a class field experience
- 3) A one-year, household membership to the Delaware Nature Society
- 4) Statewide recognition through press releases and posting on the Delaware Nature Society's website

AWARDS PRESENTATION

An Outstanding Environmental Educator will be honored at the Delaware Nature Society's 47th Annual Meeting at the Ashland Nature Center, Hockessin, Del., in early April, 2012.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION

Teachers may apply themselves or be nominated by others including parents, community representatives fellow teachers and administrators, officials of state natural resource agencies, and Department of Education personnel. Nominated teachers will be notified by Delaware Nature Society staff and invited to submit an application.

To Nominate a teacher, use the attached Nomination Form and submit a letter of recommendation in support of the candidate to the Delaware Nature Society by January 27, 2011.

To Apply, use the attached Application Form and submit by February 24, 2011. Applications will be reviewed by a Committee of the Delaware Nature Society Board. The award recipient will be notified in early March.



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EDUCATING TODAY, PRESERVING FOR TOMORROW

OUTSTANDING ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATOR AWARD

AWARD SELECTION GUIDELINES

1. Time spent out of doors is a top priority. Consider time spent at readily accessible sites, such as school yards as well as formal Field Trips.
2. Note the amount of time spent on each unit. Committee places higher value on in-depth studies done over a period of several weeks or seasons.
3. At the elementary and middle school level, units should be integrated into other areas of study beyond science.
4. Students should be actively involved in projects. Students should be more environmentally aware because of having this teacher.
5. Lessons should include issues that directly affect Delaware.
6. School or community wide action is considered important, where age appropriate.
7. Units should be an exciting experience for students.

**NOMINATION
DEADLINE
January 27, 2012**



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NOMINATION FORM

Date: _____

Nominee's/Teacher's Name: _____

School: _____ Grade Level: _____

Name of individual making nomination: _____

Relationship to Nominee: _____

Nomination Instructions: Please prepare and attach a written statement as to why you feel this individual is deserving of recognition as an Outstanding Environmental Educator. Successful candidates will reflect the Award Selection Guidelines in their projects and activities with students.

Nominees will be contacted by the Delaware Nature Society upon receipt of their Nomination Form and offered the opportunity to submit documentation for the Selection Committee's consideration in support of their nomination. Nominations that more completely address the Selection Guidelines will improve the candidate's final application considered by the Selection Committee.

Applications for the Outstanding Environmental Educator Award will be accepted until February 24th, 2012 and the winner(s) will be notified in early March.

Please deliver Nominations to:
Delaware Nature Society
Attention: David Pragoff
P.O. Box 700
Hockessin, DE 19707
Fax: 302-239-2473
Email: Davidp@delawarenaturesociety.org

**APPLICATION
DEADLINE
February 24, 2012**



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APPLICATION FORM - PART I, PAGE 1

Date: _____

Teacher's Name: _____ Grade Level: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

School: _____ Phone: _____

School Address: _____

Principal's Signature (*required*): _____

Principal's Name (*printed*): _____

Successful candidates should reflect the Award Selection Guidelines in projects, documentation, lesson plans, photographs and other supporting materials. Applications (Part I and Part II, including letters of recommendation) are due February 24th, 2012.

Please mail completed Applications to:
Delaware Nature Society
Attention: David Pragoff
P.O. Box 700
Hockessin, DE 19707

(Supporting materials and documentation will be returned upon request).

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APPLICATION FORM - PART I, PAGE 2

1. Describe the environmentally significant units you have taught in the past two years. Please include time spent on each unit.

2. What outdoor experiences and field trips have you incorporated into units to enrich your classroom programs?

3. Describe the impact your environmental studies have had on your students. Please include the number of students impacted.

4. How have you integrated these units into other subject areas?

5. List other areas of your environmental involvement for consideration.



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APPLICATION FORM - PART II

Candidate's Name: _____

Letters of Recommendation: At least two letters of recommendation must be submitted with this Application. Letters may be written by a principal, a department chair, a fellow teacher, a parent, or a student. Please list names and relationships with the Award Candidate for recommendation letters below.

NAME:

RELATION TO NOMINEE:
