



Time Line for Award Selections and Notifications

June 1–July 31, 2014	Award nomination period is open for DEP Environmental Excellence Awards.
August 2014	Selection committee meets to review nominations and select winners.
September 2014	Winners are notified and arrangements are made for attending awards ceremony.
Awards presentation at the Governor's Conference (September or October 2014)	
Press release distributed to media with names of award winners following awards ceremony.	

For More Information or Questions

Call 800-926-8111 or email envhelp@ky.gov.

Division of Compliance Assistance
300 Fair Oaks Lane
Frankfort, KY 40601



DEP Environmental Excellence Awards



2014 Nomination Solicitation

Our Commitment

The Department for Environmental Protection is responsible for protecting Kentucky's air, water and land resources from the adverse effects of pollution. We are committed to working with all of Kentucky's corporate and private citizens to ensure that our environment is healthy and safe.

We realize that protecting the environment is not always easy. The Department's Division of Compliance Assistance (DCA) was created in 2004 because we want you to succeed. The division helps individuals and businesses comply with environmental requirements and become one of Kentucky's environmental stewards.

If you need assistance or wish to learn more about becoming more sustainable, please contact us by calling 800-926-8111 or emailing envhelp@ky.gov.

About the Awards Program

The Department for Environmental Protection (DEP) is pleased to announce the opening of the 2014 Environmental Excellence Awards. Our mission at DEP is to protect and enhance Kentucky's environment. Kentucky's remarkable natural resources have helped shape our economy, culture and history. Nevertheless, these resources also provide us with the responsibility of good stewardship. This requires vision, commitment and determination on the part of the agency, Kentucky's citizens and the individuals and companies governed by Kentucky's environmental requirements.

In support of this mission, DEP is proud to recognize and encourage environmental excellence in the Commonwealth through this awards program. We know that individuals, businesses and organizations are committed to protecting and improving Kentucky's environment. Through this program, we would like to take this opportunity to recognize those efforts and activities and provide a platform to tell the stories of the great works taking place in the Commonwealth.

In the following pages, you will find information on how to make a nomination, determine who is eligible and the selection process. If you are an environmental steward or know someone who is, we encourage you to apply. Don't waste this opportunity to recognize those individuals, organizations and businesses that on a daily basis commit to exemplary environmental performance.

Thank you and we look forward to your nomination!

Enabling Excellence

Nomination Instructions

Application Deadline:

All nominations must be received by COB July 31, 2014.

Application Content:

All applications must include the following:

- A completed DEP Environmental Excellence Award nomination form
- At least one letter of recommendation. Each letter must not exceed one page in length.

In addition, an applicant may include supplemental material, such as an article, pictures, press release, etc. The total amount of supplemental information may not exceed three pages in length.

Application Submission:

Applications can be submitted in hardcopy through the mail or electronically by email.

All electronic submissions must be sent to john.eisiminger@ky.gov, and any attachments should be in pdf formats.

If you mail a hardcopy application, please remove all staples and do not send nominations in a folder or binder. All mailed applications should be sent to the following address:

Division of Compliance Assistance
Attn: Award Nomination
300 Fair Oaks Lane
Frankfort, KY 40601



Award Categories

Let's recognize
Kentucky's environmental
leaders!

Nominations are being
accepted now through
July 31, 2014.



Do You Know
an
Environmental
Leader?

About KY EXCEL

KY EXCEL is the department's voluntary environmental leadership program. KY EXCEL's objective is to encourage individuals, organizations and businesses to complete voluntary projects that improve Kentucky's environment.

KY EXCEL members choose projects that fit their work plans or lifestyles. In 2014, this community of environmental leaders has:

- Collected over 10,000 pounds of trash on Ky. roadsides.
- Recycled electronic waste equivalent to 9,000 computers.
- Collected and recycled over 5.2 million pounds of waste.
- Volunteered over 99,000 hours.
- Saved enough electricity to power 8,841 homes for one year and enough natural gas to supply 260,000 homes.

To become a member of KY EXCEL and join the community of environmental stewards, please visit dca.ky.gov or email envhelp@ky.gov.

Environmental Pacesetter Award

Purpose: To recognize individuals, organizations and businesses for their exemplary efforts to protect the environment, conserve resources and set an example of environmental stewardship for the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Eligibility: Three awards will be given for this category.

- Medium to Large Business: A business (registered with the Kentucky Secretary of State) with greater than 100 employees in the Commonwealth of Kentucky that has not had any significant environmental violations within the last three years
- Small Business: A business (registered with the Kentucky Secretary of State) with 100 or fewer employees in the Commonwealth of Kentucky that has not had any significant environmental violations within the last three years
- Individual/Organization: A citizen, agency, nonprofit (501(c) (3)) or other entity not categorized as a for-profit business or individual

Resource Caretaker Award

Purpose: To recognize individuals, organizations and businesses for their efforts to conserve Kentucky's resources through actions that conserve Kentucky's natural resources through proactive efforts, such as recycling, pollution prevention, water-use reductions, energy efficiency, land management and preservation and habitat restoration.

Eligibility: Organizations, individuals and businesses. Only one award will be given for this category.

Community Environmental Luminary Award

Purpose: To recognize individuals, organizations and businesses for achievements in community-based environmental education and outreach

Eligibility: Organizations, individuals and businesses. Only one award will be given for this category.

- Environmental education is defined as organized efforts to teach about how natural environments function and, particularly, how human beings can manage their behavior and ecosystems in order to live sustainably. Environmental education and outreach may include mentoring activities.
- Community-based means environmental education and outreach that is targeted to the local or regional areas in which the organization, individual or business operates or is focused.

KY EXCEL Champion Award

Purpose: To recognize a KY EXCEL member that has shown outstanding leadership in promoting the goals of the KY EXCEL program and encouraging Kentucky's private and corporate citizens to participate in positive environmental stewardship behaviors

Eligibility: Current KY EXCEL Members