



# KACD TEACHER OF THE YEAR and DISTRICT EDUCATION AWARD

***Nominations open for elementary and  
secondary educators along with Conservation Districts.***

**Participants--Please remember to:**

- *Be concise and write as you would speak.*
- *Type double-spaced and only on one side of the paper.*
- *Place materials in a three-ring binder no larger than one inch.*
- *Identify item by number in upper right-hand corner of each page.*

*Include supporting materials after each response.*

## **Purpose and Eligibility**

The purpose of the Teacher of the Year and District Education contest is to recognize the outstanding conservation education efforts of our state's teachers and conservation districts.

Elementary (grades K-6) and secondary (grades 7-12) educators will be recognized in separate categories. All teachers in public, parochial and private schools in states participating in this program are eligible to participate in the program. District with educational programs are also eligible.

To be eligible for the contest:

- Educators must be teaching full-time in the classroom and be personally responsible for developing a conservation education program.
- A candidate's nomination must be endorsed by the conservation district in which he or she is teaching.
- Teachers who are conservation district officials cannot compete, but associate officials may.
- Team teachers are eligible, but awards will only be made to the designated leader.
- Educators who have won a first-place state award in the last ten years are not eligible to compete at the state level.
- Educators and Districts who submit an entry and do not win a state award may resubmit their entries the following year.
- Districts should submit information based on their education program for the previous fiscal year.

# Requirements

Any teacher or district who meets the eligibility requirements may enter the contest. Teachers can nominate themselves, or someone else in the district may nominate them. To enter the contest:

- Fill out the entry form on the adjacent page and have it signed by the chairperson of the local conservation district.
- Submit a typewritten narrative which addresses the five items under "Content of Narrative."
- Include the entry form, narrative and all supporting materials in a standard, one-inch, three-ring binder. The binder does not need to be completely filled. Videos and CD-ROMs should not be included. Pictures are highly encouraged.
- Do not include more than two letters of recommendation.

## District Education Award

For the district education award, districts should follow the directions for the Content of Narrative listed below.

## Content of Narrative

Narratives must be typewritten and double-spaced on one side only of 8½" x 11" paper. Type must not be smaller than 12 point (elite). Narratives must address the five items listed on this page. The response for each item must not exceed two pages and should be treated as a separate section. On every page, identify by number in the upper right-hand corner the item to which the response applies. Supporting materials should be located after each response.

1. Describe your program for involving students in the betterment of 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. Explain how the program is being extended to other grades, other areas and to people in the community.
5. Document how your students have applied their knowledge of natural resource conservation to individuals, groups, schools and community projects.

## Judging Criteria

Judging is based on data provided in response to items under "Content of Narrative" and on supporting materials. All materials should support the following question: How has the teacher/district shown concern, scope and originality in incorporating natural resource conservation into his or her curricula? Judges' decisions are final.

## Deadlines

**July 1, 2020—Conservation district submits the winning teacher entry from each category and District Education Award to the Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts. (KACD 1505 Richmond Road Irvine, KY 40336)**

## **Recognition**

Teachers in both elementary (grades K-6) and secondary (grades 7-12) categories along with the Conservation District Education Award will be recognized on the state level by the Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts at their 2021 Annual Convention.

The state selects an elementary winner, secondary winner and a district winner. The state winners receive a State certificate and any other awards or recognition the state deems appropriate.