

Kansas Association for Conservation and Environmental Education

2010 Awards for Excellence in Conservation and Environmental Education

Call for Nominations

The Kansas Association for Conservation and Environmental Education (KACEE) announces the call for nominations for the 2010 Awards for Excellence in Conservation and Environmental Education. These awards are presented annually by KACEE to recognize those best exemplifying dedication, commitment, and influence in the field of conservation and environmental education (EE).

John K. Strickler Award

- **Criteria:** This award recognizes the lifetime achievements of an individual in the field of EE. The nominee must be a current KACEE member with a minimum of five years' involvement in the field of EE in general and with KACEE, and have made and continues to make a significant contribution to EE in Kansas.

KACEE Award

- **Criteria:** This award recognizes the outstanding achievements of individuals, organizations, agencies, community efforts, schools, and businesses in the field of EE. The nominee must have a minimum of five years' involvement in the field of EE, and have made and continues to make a significant contribution to EE in Kansas. The nominee does not have to be a current KACEE member.

Nominations for the KACEE Award are in one of the following categories. While nominations in all categories are accepted, awards in all categories may not be given every year.

- **PreK-16 Education:** School or individual in a formal education setting may be nominated.
 - **Government:** Individual or agency may be nominated.
 - **Community and Non-Profit Organizations:** Individual or organization may be nominated.
 - **Agriculture:** Individual or organization that leads/encourages programs that educate about agricultural best management practices may be nominated.
 - **Business/Corporate Sector:** Individual, business, or corporation may be nominated.
- ✓ **Rising Star KACEE Award:** Recognizes individuals who are new to the EE field in Kansas, but are already making an impact. The nominee must have a minimum of two years' and a maximum of seven years' experience in the EE field in Kansas. Current KACEE membership is not required.

Kansas Green School of the Year Award

This award recognizes Kansas public and private schools that have demonstrated innovation, leadership, whole school involvement, and an integrated, holistic, sustainable approach to implementing environmental projects with a strong environmental education component into their schools. Individual schools nominated for this award must be members of the Kansas Green Schools Network (registration is free and can be attained at www.kansasgreenschools.org). Current KACEE membership is not required. Nominations in the elementary school and middle/high school categories are encouraged, and the selection committee reserves the right to make awards (in one or both categories) to those schools best meeting the criteria. The Kansas Green Schools Program and Award are co-sponsored by KACEE and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

**Additional criteria and submission requirements
are provided on the Nomination Form.**

Submission Information

Nominations must be postmarked, e-mailed, or submitted online at www.kacee.org no later than Friday, 22 January 2009. A selection committee reviews applications and determines awardees, which will be notified no later than Friday, 26 February 2009. Awards will be presented at the KACEE Awards Celebration in Topeka on Friday, 9 April 2010. For more information and to request or submit a nomination form, contact Shari L. Wilson, KACEE, 51 South 64th Street, Kansas City, KS 66111-2002; phone and fax (913) 287-6879; e-mail swilson@kacee.org. E-mail nominations will be accepted provided all information requested is included.

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Nomination Form

To nominate an individual, organization, agency, community effort, school, or business, please complete the following form. Please read the form carefully to ensure all information required is submitted. Incomplete nominations will not be considered.

(please submit one form per nomination)

Name of person, organization, agency, community effort, school, or business nominated:

Title (if a person): _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP Code: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Award Category: _____ Strickler Award (individual)
_____ KACEE Award (individual or organization): (check one)
_____ PreK-16 Education
_____ Government
_____ Community and Non-Profit Organization
_____ Agriculture
_____ Business/Corporate Sector
_____ Rising Star (individual only)
_____ Kansas Green School of the Year Award ___Elem. ___Middle/High

Is the nominee currently a KACEE member? _____ Yes _____ No
(Strickler Awardees must be current individual KACEE members or affiliated with an organization that is a current KACEE member. Call (785) 532-1902 or e-mail jamtower@kacee.org to see if your nominee is a current KACEE member.)

Nominator's name: _____

Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP Code: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Nominator's relationship to the nominee: _____

_____ You have my permission to consider my nominee within other award categories if the awards committee determines another category is a better fit.

_____ I want my nominee to be considered only in the category in which I have nominated them.

Submission Information

Nominations must be postmarked, e-mailed, or submitted online at www.kacee.org no later than Friday, 22 January 2010. Nominations should be no longer than two (2) pages, not including this page or the resume/vitae for the Rising Star Award nomination. For more information and to request or submit a Nomination Form, visit www.kacee.org or contact Shari L. Wilson, KACEE, 51 S. 64th St., Kansas City, KS 66111-2002; e-mail swilson@kacee.org; phone/fax 913-287-6879. E-mail nominations will be accepted provided all information is included.

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Please submit the information for your nomination as described below. **Your nomination packet should include the Nomination Form and no more than two (2) single-sided pages of narrative.** Rising Star Award nominations will include no more than two (2) additional pages for the nominee's resume or vitae. Incomplete nominations will not be considered.

John K. Strickler Award

Criteria:

This award recognizes the lifetime achievements of the recipient in the field of conservation and environmental education (EE). The nominee must be a current KACEE member with a minimum of five (5) years' involvement in the field of EE in general and with KACEE, and have made and continues to make a significant contribution to EE in Kansas. S/he should be known for one or more of the following:

- ❖ Dedicated current and long-term service in the field of EE in general and as a KACEE member (e.g., developed curriculum, research, innovations, publications, programs, legislation, etc.)
- ❖ Outstanding action, contribution, and leadership in supporting EE

To nominate a person for this award, submit the Nomination Form and a narrative of no more than two (2) pages that includes the following information:

- Contributions the nominee has made to the field of EE in Kansas and to KACEE.
- The nominee's long-term (at least five (5) years') service in the field of conservation and/or environmental education through their profession/organization and community involvement.
- How the nominee's contributions have impacted his/her colleagues, workplace, and other groups and organizations.

KACEE Award

Criteria:

This award recognizes the outstanding achievements of individuals, organizations, agencies, community efforts, schools, and businesses in the field of EE. The nominee must have a minimum of five (5) years' involvement in the field of EE, and have made and continues to make a significant contribution to EE in Kansas. Nominations may be made in the categories below:

- **PreK-16 Education:** School or individual in a formal education setting may be nominated.
- **Government:** Individual or agency may be nominated.
- **Community and Non-Profit Organizations:** Individual or organization may be nominated.
- **Agriculture:** Individual or organization that leads/encourages programs that educate about agricultural best management practices may be nominated.
- **Business/Corporate Sector:** Individual, business, or corporation may be nominated.

The nominee does not have to be a current KACEE member, but should be known for one or more of the following:

- ❖ Dedicated current and long-term service in the field of EE (e.g., developed curriculum, research, innovations, publications, programs, legislation, etc.)
- ❖ Creating a work environment that incorporates EE (e.g., volunteerism by employees, using recycled and environmentally-friendly products, collaboration and/or funding of EE initiatives outside the organization)
- ❖ Outstanding action, contribution, and leadership in supporting EE

To make a nomination for this award in any of the categories, submit the Nomination Form and a narrative of no more than two (2) pages that includes the following information:

- Contributions the nominee has made to the field of EE in Kansas.
- The nominee's long-term (at least five (5) years') service in the field of conservation and/or environmental education through their organization and community involvement.
- How the nominee has created a work environment that incorporates conservation and/or environmental education.
- Any additional information you would like to include that supports your nomination within the required page limitation.

See the next page for Rising Star KACEE Award and Kansas Green School of the Year nomination information.

Rising Star KACEE Award

Criteria:

This award recognizes individuals who are new to the conservation and environmental education field in Kansas, but are already making an impact. The nominee must have a minimum of two (2) years' and a maximum of five (5) years' experience in the EE field in Kansas. Current KACEE membership is not required. The nominee should be known for one or more of the following:

- ❖ Developed and/or implemented at least one ongoing EE program in Kansas
- ❖ Innovative and enthusiastic application of EE tools or best practices
- ❖ Shares ideas and techniques with colleagues
- ❖ Collaborates with the greater EE community
- ❖ Outstanding action, contribution, and leadership in supporting EE

To nominate a person for this award, submit the Nomination Form, a resume or vitae for the nominee that does not exceed two (2) pages, and a narrative of no more than two (2) pages that includes the following information:

- A description of the program the nominee has developed or implemented.
- How the nominee exhibits innovation and enthusiastic application of EE tools or best practices.
- How the nominee shares ideas and techniques with colleagues and collaborates with the greater EE community.
- How the nominee's contributions have impacted his/her colleagues, workplace, and other groups and organizations.
- Any additional information you would like to include that supports your nomination within the required page limitation.

Kansas Green School of the Year Award

Criteria:

This award recognizes Kansas public and private schools that have demonstrated innovation, leadership, whole school involvement, and an integrated, holistic, sustainable approach to implementing environmental projects with a strong environmental education component into their schools. Individual schools nominated for this award must be members of the Kansas Green Schools Network (registration is free and can be attained at www.kansasgreenschools.org). Current KACEE membership is not required. Nominations in the elementary school and middle/high school categories are encouraged, and the selection committee reserves the right to make awards (in one or both categories) to those schools best meeting the criteria. Nominees should be known for the following:

- ❖ Researched, designed, and implemented at least one ongoing environmental program at their school within the past three (3) years that innovatively addresses an environmental issue(s) (e.g., water quality, water conservation, energy conservation, air quality, outdoor wildlife habitats, solid waste management)
- ❖ Strong environmental education component integrated across school curriculum and grade levels, and sustained from year to year
- ❖ Shows leadership in sharing information about their projects with parents, the local community, and other schools
- ❖ Demonstrates deep involvement by administrators, teachers, and students in the environmental project(s) and environmental education program
- ❖ Takes an integrated, holistic, and sustainable approach to implementing environmental education and an environmental project(s) in the school.

To nominate a school for this award, submit the Nomination Form and a narrative of no more than two (2) pages that addresses the criteria and describes the following:

- A description of the environmental project(s) the nominee has researched, designed, and implemented, including why the nominee took the action to implement the project
- A description of what environmental education curriculum is taught and how it is incorporated into the curriculum
- How the nominee shares information about its project(s) and environmental education program with others
- How administrators, teachers, students, and the community are involved
- A demonstration of commitment by the nominee to sustain and increase its efforts to improve the environment and incorporate environmental education into the school curriculum.

The Kansas Green Schools Program and Award are co-sponsored by KACEE and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

Awards Nomination Checklist

Please make sure you have included the following items in your awards nomination packet.

- Completed Awards Nomination Form.
- A narrative addressing the award criteria as well as the items listed for the award category of your nomination. The narrative should be no more than two (2) pages.
- For the Rising Star Award, a resume or vitae for the nominee of no more than two (2) pages.
- Submit the nomination by e-mail (preferably), fax, or mail to the address given on the nomination form.
- The deadline for nominations is Friday, 22 January 2010.

Incomplete nominations will not be considered.

Thank you for submitting a nomination for a KACEE Award!

