



WELCOME

to the West Virginia Youth Environmental Program

We acknowledge receipt of your enrollment into the West Virginia Youth Environmental Program, which is sponsored by the WV Department of Environmental Protection. Your club will remain an active participant in the program until you wish to cancel your participation.

We welcome your club into this unique statewide environmental education effort. Your enrollment indicates a desire to become better stewards of our natural resources. Participation in community environmental projects such as litter control, recycling, beautification, tree-planting, etc., enables your club to become eligible for more than \$15,000 in cash awards and scholarships.

There is no cost involved and no obligation to participate; however, in order to become eligible for the awards, we require that a report of your environmental projects be submitted annually for judging by April 15. Criteria for reporting and a summary report form, a list of available awards, a news release for your local newspaper, and other useful information is available to you as a member. *Click onto the subject below to view the page.*

Six Environmental Coordinators are available to provide information and assistance to your group. Their addresses and phone numbers are obtainable by clicking "Environmental Coordinators" below. Do not hesitate to contact the Environmental Coordinator for your county if you need help or would like to schedule a program or presentation.

Empowering West Virginia's Youth to Become Environmentally Involved Within Their Communities

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LIST OF AVAILABLE AWARDS

RICK VECELLIO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is presented to an active Youth Environmental Program member with exemplary conduct throughout his/her school years. Recipient will receive \$2,500 per year for four years. The scholarship is made available by the Vecellio Family Foundation, Inc., Beckley.

MOUNTAIN LAUREL CATEGORY

The Mountain Laurel Category recognizes youth groups that have completed a project(s) addressing an environmental need, whose members are ages 6-11.

FIRST PLACE - \$500

Made available by Waste Management & Northwestern Landfill, Parkersburg

SECOND PLACE - \$300

Made available by Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Buffalo

THIRD PLACE - \$200

Made available by Fairview 4-H Club, Wood County and Raleigh County Solid Waste Authority, Beckley

LITTER CONTROL AWARDS

For youth groups that have completed the most successful litter control projects.

These awards are made available by Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Buffalo, Raleigh County Solid Waste Authority, Beckley and DuPont Washington Works in Wood County.

FIRST PLACE - \$300

SECOND PLACE - \$200

CARDINAL ART POSTER AWARDS

Cardinal Art Posters must depict an environmental theme and are judged on originality, quality, and choice of theme. Winners receive scholarships to either Junior Conservation Camp, Cedar Lakes, Ripley or WV Conservation Camp, Camp Caesar, Webster County. Scholarships are made available by Dupont Washington Works, Wood County

TWO RUNNERS-UP

TWO FIRST PLACE WINNERS (boy and girl)

RICK VECELLIO MEMORIAL ART POSTER AWARDS

The Rick Vecellio Memorial Art Poster Awards are also given for posters that depict an environmental theme. Recipients

of the Cardinal Art Poster Awards are not eligible for this award. Made available by Leo Vecellio Jr, Beckley.

5 WINNERS: \$100 Each

MAPLE AWARD (TREE PLANTING)

The Maple Award is presented to the youth group completing the best tree planting project. Tree seedlings are provided for half price to youth groups by the James Harless Foundation, Gilbert through the West Virginia Division of Forestry.

The \$300 award is made available by Eldon Haught Service Company, Oil and Gas Producer, Smithville, WV Forestry Association, Ripley and DuPont Washington Works in Wood County.

GOVERNOR'S BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS

The Governor's Youth Beautification Award is presented to the group that completes the most outstanding job of community litter prevention, clean-up and beautification. These awards are made available by WV State Grange, New Milton, Mountaineer Wholesale, Charleston and DuPont Washington Works, Wood County.

FIRST PLACE - \$500

SECOND PLACE - \$300

THIRD PLACE - \$200

KEEP WEST VIRGINIA BEAUTIFUL AWARDS

The Keep West Virginia Beautiful first and second place awards are presented for the most outstanding litter prevention program conducted for a school. The awards are given for youth action benefitting the school and community. The awards are made available by Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Buffalo and DuPont Washington Works in Wood County.

FIRST PLACE - \$300

SECOND PLACE - \$200

MOUNTAIN STATE AWARD OF EXCELLENCE CATEGORY

This category is for clubs with projects answering an environmental need, which have won first place within the last two years in the Mountain Laurel, Bear, and Rhododendron categories. The \$500 award is made available by Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Buffalo.

DEP CABINET SECRETARY, RANDY C. HUFFMAN BROOK TROUT KINDERGARTEN AWARD

This \$200 award, made available by Eldon Haught Service Company, oil and gas producer of Smithville, is presented to the kindergarten group that completes the most outstanding environmental projects during the program year.

YOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL HALL OF FAME AWARDS

The Youth Environmental Hall of Fame Awards go to an outstanding boy and girl who are nominated based on their extensive involvement in their club's environmental activities. The awards are made available by Raleigh County Solid Waste Authority and DuPont Washington Works in Wood County.

OUTSTANDING BOY AND GIRL: \$200 Each

STREAMS AND TRAILS AWARDS

The Streams and Trails awards go to the youth groups that have shown the most effort in either cleaning a stream and/or building or maintaining a trail. These awards are made available by Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Buffalo and DuPont Washington Works in Wood County.

FIRST PLACE - \$300

SECOND PLACE - \$200

BEAR CATEGORY

These awards are presented to youth groups completing projects that answer an environmental need, whose members are ages 12-14. The awards are made available by Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Buffalo.

FIRST PLACE - \$500

SECOND PLACE - \$300

THIRD PLACE - \$200

DISTRICT COORDINATOR AWARDS

These awards, made available by Hall Drilling, LLC of Ellenboro and DuPont Washington Works in Wood County, are given to youth groups in each of the six districts in recognition of their overall environmental efforts.

DISTRICT I - \$200

DISTRICT II - \$200

DISTRICT III - \$200

DISTRICT IV - \$200

DISTRICT V - \$200

DISTRICT VI - \$200

ENVIRONMENTAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Environmental Achievement Award is presented to a newly-enrolled youth group that has shown the most progress through participation in environmental projects. The \$300 award is made available by WV Garden Club, Inc. and DuPont Washington Works in Wood County.

RHODODENDRON CATEGORY

The Rhododendron Awards are presented to youth groups completing projects that answer an environmental need, whose members ages 15 and older. They are made available by Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Buffalo.

FIRST PLACE - \$500

SECOND PLACE - \$300

THIRD PLACE - \$200

RECYCLING AWARDS

The Recycling Awards are presented to youth groups with the best recycling projects. The projects are judged not only on the total poundage recycled, but also on the recycling methods used and the variation of recyclables. The awards are made available by the WV Coal Association, Charleston.

FIRST PLACE - \$300

SECOND PLACE - \$200

NORTH BEND CLEAN AND GREEN LITTER CONTROL AWARD

This \$200 award, made available by Eldon Haught Service Company, Oil and Gas Producer of Smithville, is presented to the youth group that completes the most outstanding job of litter prevention at North Bend State Park, especially during Youth Environmental Day activities.

RECYCLING EDUCATION AND AWARENESS AWARDS

The Recycling Education and Awareness awards are given to the youth group with the best community oriented recycling education and awareness projects. Judging is based on the club and community involvement and the benefits gained. These awards are made available by Saulsbury 4-H Club and Wood County 4-H Leaders Association and DuPont Washington Works in Wood County.

FIRST PLACE - \$300

SECOND PLACE - \$200

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AWARD

The Environmental Education Award is presented to the youth group that has completed the most outstanding work in environmental education by creating public awareness on environmental issues such as enviro-shopping, hunter safety, hazardous waste, nongame wildlife, etc. The \$300 award is made available by Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Buffalo.

SAVE OUR STREAMS AWARD

This \$300 award is given to the youth group whose project(s) meets the goals of the Save Our Streams program, which are increasing West Virginia's ability to monitor the quality of state rivers and streams and enhancing public awareness of the need for their protection. The award is

made available by the West Virginia Division of the Izaak Walton League of America and DuPont Washington Works, Wood County.

WEST VIRGINIA FORESTLANDS & WOOD PRODUCTS ART AWARDS

Three \$150 awards for art creations that promote West Virginia's forest resources or wood products created from these forests. The awards are made available by Plum Creek Timber Company, Beckley.

HIGH SCHOOL, GRADES 9-12 - \$150

MIDDLE SCHOOL, GRADES 6-8 - \$150

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, GRADES 3-5 - \$150

SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY ART POSTER AWARD

One \$150 award will be presented for the poster that expresses ideas on sustainable forestry (involving the management of hardwood forests through natural regeneration). This ensures the working forests that we use and enjoy today will continue to provide the same benefits for future generations. The award is made available by WV Forestry Association, Sustainable Forestry Committee, Ripley.

DUPONT WASHINGTON WORKS PLASTIC RECYCLING AWARDS

DuPont Washington Works (near Parkersburg) is sponsoring the new \$500 Plastic Recycling Awards for the Youth Environmental Program. DuPont encourages reducing and reusing plastic items whenever possible and reminds us to recycle all plastics, not just shopping bags! These awards will be presented to the youth groups that are judged as having completed the most exceptional project(s) that integrate recycling a variety of plastics. Take your plastic recyclables to the recycling center and retain your receipts to be included in your report.

FIRST PLACE - \$300

SECOND PLACE - \$200

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AWARD

This award is presented to a youth group completing wildlife management projects that encompass food, water and cover for West Virginia's wildlife, especially during the winter months. The \$300 award is made available by Central Printing Company, Beckley, Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Buffalo, Miller's Apple Valley Chevrolet Toyota, Inc., Martinsburg and DuPont Washington Works, Wood County.

GO-MART CORP. ENERGY ESSAY AWARDS

Go-Mart Corporation has provided two awards for the winning essays entitled "Energy Options and Ways to Conserve Energy."

FIRST PLACE - \$125

SECOND PLACE - \$100

WATERSHED AWARD

A \$300 award is given to the youth group that shows the most effort in watershed protection and promotion, made available by DuPont Washington Works, Wood County.

BEST PARADE HAT AWARD

This \$150 award, made available by Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Buffalo DuPont Washington Works, Wood County, will be presented at Youth Environmental Day, to the youth group displaying the best parade hats judged from the Youth Environmental Clubs on Parade.

WEST VIRGINIA STATE PARKS SUPER-INTENDENTS' ASSOCIATION AWARDS

This award category has been established to foster relationships between youth groups and local state parks, forests, and wildlife management areas, and is sponsored by the WV State Parks Superintendents Association.

A youth group representative must contact the superintendent of the local state park or forest (1-800-CALL-WVA) to see what types of projects need undertaken. These projects may include trail maintenance, litter control, beautification, environmental education programs, etc., as advised by a state park or forest representative. Please include in your report, the project goals and how they were accomplished, dates the project was started and completed, a narrative of the project, the number of members and hours worked on the project. Also list any assistance provided by park/forest personnel. Before and after photos of the project are optional. You may also wish to include any media coverage of the project or written correspondence with the state park/forest representatives.

State Parks:

Audra, Babcock, Beartown, Beech Fork, Berkeley Springs, Blackwater, Blennerhassett, Bluestone, Cacapon, Camp Creek, Canaan Valley, Carnifex Ferry, Cass Scenic Railroad, Cathedral, Cedar Creek, Chief Logan, Droop Mountain, Hawks Nest, Holly River, Little Beaver, Lost River, Moncove Lake, North Bend, North Bend Rail Trail, Pinnacle Rock, Pipestem, Prickett's Fort, Stonewall Jackson, Tomlinson Run, Tu-Endie-Wei, Twin Falls, Tygart, Valley Falls, Watoga, and Watters Smith.

State Forests:

Cabwaylingo, Coopers Rock, Greenbrier, Greenbrier River Trail, Kanawha, Kumbrabow, Panther, and Seneca.

Wildlife Management Areas:

Berwind Lake, Bluestone Lake, Loral Lake and Plum Orchard Lake.

FIRST PLACE - \$300

SECOND PLACE - \$200

REAP ADOPT-A-SPOT AWARD – \$500

A youth group or an individual youth member must Adopt-A-Spot of 1/4 mile of highway or less. For an Adopt-A-Spot application, please contact:

Sherry Thaxton, Coordinator
REAP Adopt-A-Highway Program
WV Department of Environmental Protection
601 57th Street, SE
Charleston, WV 25304
Telephone: (800) 322-5530
Website: www.dep.wv.gov/dlr/reap/aah/Pages/default.aspx

Examples of adoptable spots: intersections, park and rides, wide places in the road, turn-arounds, entrances to communities, etc.

The adopted Spot must be kept litter free for one year. At least three cleanups must be reported.

Obtain a permit from the Division of Highways for planting flowers on the spot for each of the blooming seasons. Examples of plantings: tulips for spring, marigolds for summer and asters for fall. Flower beds must be maintained.

Please submit your entry for the Adopt-A-Spot Award by sending in before and after photos of the adopted spot and photos of flowers for each blooming season.

One winner will be selected and the \$500 award will be presented at the Annual Youth Environmental Day to be held the third Saturday in May at North Bend State Park.

REAP RECYCLING AWARD – \$500 POWERPOINT PRESENTATION OF RECYCLING/CLEAN-UP ACTIVITIES

The REAP Recycling Awards were created for those youth groups wishing to step up their involvement in environmental activities. It is sponsored by the WV Department of Environmental Protection's REAP (Rehabilitation Environmental Action Plan) Recycling Grants Assistance Program. To become eligible for the awards, simply submit

a Powerpoint presentation, saved to a thumb drive or disc, 5 - 7 minutes in length that focuses on the three following criteria:

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT: Include how much material your group recycled and what area was impacted by your recycling efforts (town, city, county, community, neighborhood, street, school, etc.) Be sure to show slides of your group working on recycling collections. If it was an illegal dump cleanup, show slides of before and after. Give some visual or verbal indication in the presentation that highlights the environmental impact. *Example, the 10 tons of newspaper collected in the recycling drive saved 175 trees and 12 cubic yards of landfill space.*

EDUCATIONAL IMPACT: Include a list of information, materials or speaking points that your group provided DIRECTLY to the community, neighborhood, school, etc., in an effort to educate them on the benefits or the necessity of recycling. Examples include setting up a booth at a local fair or festival, preparing brochures or flyers to hand out, organizing an environmental activity on Earth Day, placing an ad in the local newspaper, or preparing a public service announcement to be aired on the radio. Be sure to show slides of your group's involvement in these activities as well.

MEDIA COVERAGE: Please do not confuse this with the criteria listed above. This is the recognition YOUR GROUP has received for YOUR recycling activities from media sources, such as newspaper articles, TV news coverage, etc. *This indicates the level at which your group's activities are being noticed by others.*

The presentation will be judged on the three criteria listed above as well as the overall format and presentation. The two winning presentations will be shown during the awards ceremony at Youth Environmental Day, the third Saturday in May at North Bend State Park. Mail your entry to Diana Haid, DEP, 601 57th Street, SE, Charleston, WV 25304, postmarked by April 15.



SUMMARY REPORT DEADLINE AND FORM W-9 REQUIREMENT

REPORTS ARE DUE APRIL 15

Return your club's Summary Report to Diana Haid, WV DEP Youth Environmental Program, 601 57th Street SE, Charleston, WV 25304. If a Form W-9 with current information about your leader and group was submitted previously, you do not need to complete a W-9 this year. It is a one-time only requirement *unless the information about the leader or group has changed (name, address, etc.).*

IMPORTANT! FORM W-9 REQUIREMENT FOR FIRST TIME REPORTING

In order for your club to be eligible to receive an award from the Youth Environmental Program, the State of West Virginia procedure for processing awards requires that each group complete a Form W-9 verifying your Taxpayer Identification Number (T.I.N.), which is EITHER the leader's Social Security Number (S.S.N.) OR the club's Federal Employer Identification Number (F.E.I.N.). If you are not sure that your club has a F.E.I.N., please contact:

If your club is a:

4-H CLUB

BOY/GIRL SCOUT TROOP

*SCHOOL

Contact:

COUNTY 4-H EXTENSION AGENT

BOY OR GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

PRINCIPAL OR COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

(*Most of the schools in West Virginia have already been entered into the state's accounting system)

The following information needed by the state of West Virginia will be kept confidential:

Leader's Name

Club's Name

Leader's Address with City, State and Zip Code

Taxpayer Identification Number (T.I.N.)

Leader's Signature and Date

Attach the FORM W-9 to the Summary Report Form. This completed form **MUST BE RETURNED** with your report. If you submitted a Form W-9 with your report previously, it is **NOT** necessary to complete another one this year, *UNLESS information about the club leader or group has changed, such as name and address. If so, be sure to attach a completed Form W-9 with current information.*

To download FORM W-9, please go to:

www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf



REPORTING CRITERIA AND SUMMARY REPORT FORM

COMPILING A DETAILED REPORT

You can submit a report on your club's environmental projects from April 16 of the current year through April 15 of the next year on the Summary Report Form. However, if you are submitting a more detailed report, such as a scrapbook, please consider the following information when compiling your report:

- Submit the report of your environmental project(s) on 8 ½" x 11" paper or larger. The report should be typed, if possible; however, handwritten reports will be accepted. If your report is handwritten, strive for clear writing, using lined paper. Double space the text to make it easier for the judges to read.
- While spelling and grammar are not being judged (there is no gain or loss of points in this area), misspelled words, improper grammar, faulty punctuation, etc., can detract from the impact of your report and distract the judges' concentration.
- Be sure to include the dates of your environmental projects to assure the judges that the work being described was done in the current year. It is fine to reference earlier achievements, continue with this year's projects, and refer to next year's plans, but it should be clear to the judges where this transition occurs.
- Any printed materials your club has developed for environmental education purposes as one of your projects should be included in your report as a sample. Do not, however, include every pamphlet, bulletin, letter, etc., that is mailed to your club from the Youth Environmental Program office. Use a sample copy of these materials ONLY if they were a part of your environmental projects, such as distribution, brochures or litter bags, setting up an environmental display at a community event, etc.
- Photographs and newspaper articles can be used to demonstrate work achieved and news attention given to your club through the media. Include in your report ONLY the newspaper articles relative to your environmental activities. Do not include every article that happens to mention the name of a club member. These would be more appropriate to use when submitting a nomination for the Youth Environmental Hall of Fame Award.
- Photographs showing before and after results of your environmental projects are good to use in your report. It is especially good to show the members at work, or activities of the environmental projects being completed. Other photographs showing posters developed by the club members, displays that were set up by the club, participation in environmental education workshops, etc., are all good to use in your report. Be careful not to use too many photographs, especially the ones of social events; these have a tendency to detract from the club's actual environmental work. If your club has a picnic and photos are taken of the clean-up afterwards, this would be appropriate to use in the report.
- Keep in mind that not all environmental efforts are successful. Do not be afraid to indicate when this happens and what obstacles were encountered. Be sure to include your plans to overcome this obstacle; your determination is very worthwhile.
- Reports should not exceed 16"x 20" in size. Reports should not exceed more than one volume nor should that one volume be more than three inches in total thickness. This includes the actual size of the report, not the notebook. The following information should be included:
 1. As stated in the first paragraph, the Youth Environmental Program Summary Report alone can be used for reporting your environmental projects; however, when submitting a report in the form of a scrapbook, this Summary Report needs to be the first two pages of your scrapbook. It includes the name of your youth group, county, number of members, leader's name, address, and phone number. It also asks for the category your club is entering, a summary of project participation and a brief description of projects completed for the current year.

2. A narrative of the projects completed for the current year should be the next page following the Summary Report. Tell what your most important project was and why you chose to work on it. Methods used to identify community problems and selection should be explained. It is important to state the procedure followed for choosing the particular projects while keeping in mind the needs of the community. Remember, this is a youth group report. While it is essential to have involvement from adult leaders with strong leadership qualities, it is important to emphasize what the youth were able to accomplish under the leadership.

List all other environmental projects accomplished by the youth group: related achievements, failures, difficulties encountered, rewards, personal observations and comments.

Outline your narrative. The example at right may be helpful.

If the project is a continuing one, describe briefly the future plans for this projects. All environmental work, regardless of the reason for doing it, will add points to your overall score.

3. In your report, the person writing the narrative should never refer to "me," but always refer to the club's efforts and WE. It is important to show club member participation in each project. Also, the total number of volunteer hours spent on the project indicates to the judges the amount of effort put in each project. To calculate the total number of volunteer hours,

multiply the number of volunteers by the number of hours worked. Example: 20 volunteers x 4 hours = 80 volunteer hours.

4. Following the narrative, begin telling your story for each project with photographs and newspaper articles. Both are important in substantiating your report.

OUTLINE EXAMPLE

School Beautification

Sponsored school cleanup campaigns in September and March. Landscaped a new section of the school grounds for an outdoor classroom. Planted a butterfly garden in front of the school.

Recycling

Held a community recycling day and collected 53 pounds of aluminum, 102 pounds of newspapers, and 69 pounds of aluminum, which were transported to the recycling center.

Wildlife Management

Built 10 bird feeders and seven bird houses. Used the funds received from the community recycling day to buy birdseed.

Beautification

Planted flowers at the community park and in front of the courthouse. Club members maintained the flower beds throughout the summer months.

Litter Control

Club members cleaned two parking lots and one vacant lot in town and collected 12 bags of trash.

**DON'T FORGET TO INCLUDE FORM W-9 WITH YOUR REPORT IF YOU DID NOT
SUBMIT ONE PREVIOUSLY, OR IF YOUR CLUB LEADER INFORMATION HAS CHANGED!**

JUDGING CRITERIA

Selection of Project(s):	25 points
Development of Project(s):	50 points
Evaluation of Project(s):	<u>25 points</u>
Total	100 points

YOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL DAY

North Bend State Park
Third Saturday in May

Announcements of all awards will be made during the annual Youth Environmental Day, and all reports will be on display. If you do not retrieve your report at that time, it will be mailed back to the leader using the address from the Summary Report.



SUMMARY REPORT

NAME OF YOUTH GROUP _____

COUNTY _____

NUMBER OF MEMBERS _____

YOUTH GROUP LEADER _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

PHONE _____

F.E.I.N. (Complete the attached W-9 and return if you did NOT complete one previously)

☐ NEW CLUB, ENROLLED IN THE YOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM FOR FIRST TIME

CLUB CATEGORY

Please select one category that best represents the majority age of the members

☐ KINDERGARTEN (age 4-5)

☐ RHODODENDRON (age 15 and older)

☐ MOUNTAIN LAUREL (age 6-11)

☐ MOUNTAIN STATE AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

☐ BEAR (age 12-14)

LIST OF SUBMISSIONS

☐ SUMMARY REPORT ONLY

☐ SUMMARY REPORT AND SCRAPBOOK

☐ CARDINAL/VECELLIO POSTERS

☐ GO MART ENERGY ESSAYS

☐ FORESTLANDS AND WOOD PRODUCTS ART ENTRIES

☐ REAP ADOPT-A-SPOT AWARD

☐ SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY ART POSTERS

☐ REAP RECYCLING AWARDS

☐ HALL OF FAME NOMINATION

☐ VECCELLIO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

PROJECT PARTICIPATION SUMMARY

☐ RECYCLING:

Aluminum _____ lbs.

Steel _____ lbs.

Number of volunteer hours _____

Glass _____ lbs.

Paper _____ lbs.

Plastic _____ lbs.

Number of Plastic Shopping Bags Recycled _____

☐ LITTER CONTROL:

Number of Miles of Roadways Cleaned _____

Number of volunteer hours _____

Number of Bags of Trash Collected _____

Number of Community Areas Cleaned _____

Number of Streams/Rivers Cleaned/Monitored _____

☐ BEAUTIFICATION:

Number of Flowers/Shrubbery Planted _____

Number of volunteer hours _____

Planted in: ☐ School Area ☐ Community Area

☐ TREE PLANTING:

Number of Trees/Seedlings Planted _____

Number of volunteer hours _____

Planted in: ☐ School Area ☐ Community Area

Planted for Arbor Day Project _____

☐ OTHER PROJECTS:

☐ Wildlife Management

☐ Environmental Education

Number of volunteer hours _____

☐ Forest Fire Prevention

☐ Nature Trail

☐ Backyard Composting

☐ Watershed Preservation

☐ WV State Park Project _____

Name of Park. _____

PROJECT NARRATIVE SUMMARY REPORT

Please describe each of your environmental projects for the year. Indicate whether the projects are new, continuing from the previous year or ongoing from year to year. Be sure to tell which project you feel is the most important. Feel free to list any future plans for projects. Additional pages may be added.

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President, Youth Group

Adult Youth Group Leader



RICK VECELLIO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Rick Vecellio Memorial Scholarship is made available by the Vecellio Family Foundation, Inc., of Beckley. The Foundation will annually award, to a selected graduating high school senior, a scholarship in the amount of \$2,500 per year for a period of four years, to a school of the recipient's choice, in pursuit of the educational field the recipient desires to enter. The Scholarship recipient will be announced at Youth Environmental Day, at North Bend State Park, the third Saturday in May.

CRITERIA

To qualify for the scholarship, the applicant must :

- 1 Be a graduating senior of a high school in West Virginia.
2. Be a member of the West Virginia Youth Environmental Program for at least one year.
3. Be involved in some phase of environmental activity.
4. Have maintained exemplary conduct throughout the school years.
5. Include three letters of recommendation with his/her application; one from each of the following:
 - a. The applicant's club leader, setting forth the applicant's involvement in environmental activities, leadership skills and conduct.
 - b. The applicant's high school principal, setting forth the applicant's involvement in school activities, leadership and conduct.
 - c. A third person chosen by the applicant, setting forth the applicant's involvement in the community (church, scouting, government, etc.), leadership skills, conduct.

6. The applicant must include a brief statement of at least 300 words, but not to exceed 500 words, of his or her personal goals and how the scholarship would be put to use if awarded.
7. Applications must include the applicant's college entrance examination scores, either SAT or ACT or both.
8. High school transcripts are not required but will be helpful.

REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTINUING THE SCHOLARSHIP

1. The student must maintain passing grades.
2. The student must display good conduct.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Youth Environmental Program will coordinate a Selection Committee of diverse backgrounds with at least one member from the field of education. The committee will review the submitted applications and choose the one person whose skills and conduct most clearly reflect the goals of the Youth Environmental Program.

SUBMISSION AND DEADLINE

All applications and required information should be typed, if possible. Mail postmarked by April 15 or deliver to:

Diana Haid, Coordinator
Youth Environmental Program
WV Department of Environmental Protection
601 57th Street SE, Charleston, WV 25304

APPLICATION FORM

Rick Vecellio Memorial Scholarship

1. NAME OF APPLICANT _____

2. ADDRESS OF APPLICANT _____

Street

City

State

Zip

3. DATE OF BIRTH _____

4. PARENT OR GUARDIAN'S NAME _____

5. PARENT OR GUARDIAN'S OCCUPATION _____

6. NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL YOU EXPECT TO GRADUATE FROM: _____

_____ Date of Graduation: _____

7. ARE YOU THE BENEFICIARY OF ANY OTHER SCHOLARSHIP AWARD? IF SO, WHAT?

8. NAME THE EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES YOU HAVE TAKEN PART IN AT SCHOOL AND OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL?

9. WHAT HONORS HAVE YOU RECEIVED? _____

10. WHAT SPECIAL INTERESTS DO YOU HAVE? _____

11. WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES, ACCOMPLISHMENTS, TALENTS, ETC.? _____

12. WHAT SCHOOL DO YOU PLAN TO ATTEND? _____

13. WHAT COURSE OF STUDY DO YOU PLAN TO PURSUE? _____

14. PLEASE ATTACH A PHOTOGRAPH OF YOURSELF AND PLACE YOUR NAME ON THE BACK OF IT.

15. PLEASE INCLUDE A BRIEF STATEMENT (300 - 500 WORDS) ABOUT YOUR PERSONAL GOALS, AND DESCRIBE HOW THE SCHOLARSHIP WOULD BE PUT TO USE, IF AWARDED.



CARDINAL AND VECELLIO ART POSTER CONTESTS

IMPORTANT!

Social Security numbers are required by the state of WV for processing checks for awards to individual poster winners. Poster winners will be contacted by Diana Haid to obtain the individual's Social Security number for accounting purposes only. Please be assured this information will be kept confidential.

CRITERIA

Each group may forward two posters to be considered in each Art Poster competition. If more than two posters per club are received, all will be disqualified. Four winners in the Cardinal Poster Contest will receive a camp scholarship to either Junior Conservation Camp at Cedar Lakes or State Conservation Camp at Camp Caesar. Five winners will receive \$100 each for the Rick Vecellio Memorial Art Poster Contest.

1. *On the back of the poster, list name, age, address, telephone number, name of club, and county. Posters not containing this information will be disqualified.*
2. Poster may not exceed 28" x 44" or be smaller than 22" x 14"
4. Posters must depict an environmental theme of the contestant's choice. Judging will be based on originality, quality, and choice of theme. Write the name of the poster contest (Cardinal or Vecellio) on the back of the poster.
5. Use watercolors, crayons, oils, inks, charcoal or markers on illustration or poster board for the posters. Three dimensional entries not exceeding ¼ inch from the surface of the poster will be accepted. Cutouts and different finishes may also be used.

Deliver during the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., or mail entries postmarked by April 15 to:
Diana Haid, Coordinator, Youth Environmental Program,
WV Department of Environmental Protection,
601 57th Street SE, Charleston, WV 25304.

Poster entries will not be returned. They must be picked up at Youth Environmental Day, the third Saturday in May at North Bend State Park. All poster entries are eligible for inclusion in the YEP's Healthy Planet Kids Calendar.

Winners in the Cardinal Art Poster Contest are not eligible for the
Rick Vecellio Memorial Art Poster Contest.



GO MART CORPORATION ENERGY ESSAY CONTEST

CRITERIA

Two individual youths whose essays are judged as winners will receive these awards.

Each youth group may submit for judging as many essays as they wish, prepared with the following specifications:

1. Write an essay using the theme, "Energy Options and Ways to Conserve Energy."
2. The essay should be at least 300 words but no more than 500 words.
3. Preferably, the essay should be typewritten; however, handwritten entries will be accepted if they are legible.
4. In the top right-hand corner of the first page, include the author's name, age, address, telephone number, the name of club, and the county represented. *Any entries without this information in the top right-hand corner will be disqualified.*
5. Mail essays postmarked by April 15 or deliver to: Diana Haid, Coordinator, Youth Environmental Program, WV Department of Environmental Protection, 601 57th Street SE, Charleston, WV 25304.

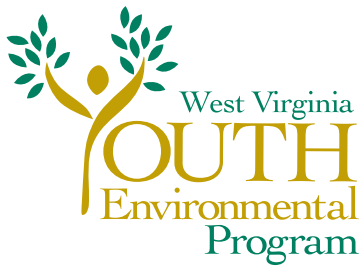


WV FORESTLANDS AND WOOD PRODUCTS ART PROJECT CONTEST

CRITERIA

Three awards will be presented to an artist in each of the following grade categories: Elementary 3-5, Middle 6-8, and High School 9-12. Contestants are encouraged to submit drawings, paintings, collages, woodcut prints or clay designs that promote West Virginia's wood products or forest resources.

1. Techniques may include scratch board, airbrush, computer generation, pointillism, linoleum printing, collage, dry brush, crosshatch, etc.
2. Photographs will not be accepted. No cartoon characters, lettering, signatures, or initials may appear on the front of the art project.
3. Entries should be flat and two-dimensional. Any materials may be used, especially natural products such as wood, bark and/or leaves. Flat work should be matted for hanging.
4. Attach a 3 X 5 index card to the back of the art project listing name, age, address, telephone number, grade, name of club, and county. *Entries will be disqualified if this information is not listed.*
5. Mail postmarked by April 15 or deliver entries to: Diana Haid, Youth Environmental Program, WV Department of Environmental Protection, 601 57th Street SE, Charleston, WV 25304.



SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY ART POSTER CONTEST

CRITERIA

One award will be presented to an artist in this category. Contestants are encouraged to express their ideas on sustainable forestry. Throughout most of West Virginia, sustainable forest management involves the management of hardwood forests through natural regeneration. These forests are utilized for a multitude of products that society demands. Sustainable forest management ensures the working forests that we use and enjoy today will continue to provide the same benefits for future generations. For more information on the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) Program, call (888) 372-WOOD (9663).

West Virginia's sustainably managed forests: Provide more than 5,000 wood and paper products that we use every day; help remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere; provide jobs for more than 30,000 people located in every county; support a \$4 billion industry; provide tree tops and leaves to protect new seedlings and replenish nutrients to the forest soil; produce a renewable resource that replenishes itself generation after generation; utilize trees for wood products while enhancing the forest for rapid natural regeneration; are managed for multiple uses while respecting the rights of more than 260,000 private forest landowners; provide homes for diverse wildlife populations; and are protected and managed to minimize devastating wildfires. Posters need to reflect the diverse benefits of forests/trees that are managed to regenerate naturally, not necessarily through plantings.

All criteria for the Cardinal and Rick Vecellio Memorial Art Poster Contest apply, in addition to the following:

1. The poster must depict the theme of "sustainable forestry." Judging will be based on originality, quality, and relevance to the theme.
2. *The theme "Sustainable Forestry" must appear on the back of the poster along with the name, age, address, telephone number, grade, name of club, and county. Entries will be disqualified without this information.*
3. Mail postmarked by April 15 or deliver entries to: Diana Haid, Youth Environmental Program, WV Department of Environmental Protection, 601 57th Street SE, Charleston, WV 25304.



YOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL HALL OF FAME AWARD NOMINATION

CRITERIA

The Hall of Fame Award is presented to the Outstanding Boy and Girl of the Year in grades 9-12. No winner of this award will be eligible to win again another year. Your club's nomination for this award must include:

1. The name of the club and the club leader, with address, phone number and county.
2. The name of the boy or girl being nominated, along with the nominee's age, address, telephone number, and grade.
3. A detailed description of the nominee's involvement in the club's environmental activities must be included, along with one photograph of the nominee. There is no time period for the nominee's accomplishments. Include anything up to the deadline of April 15. Newspaper clippings and other evidence of accomplishments may be included.

All material covering the nomination should be typed, if possible. Mail postmarked by April 15 or deliver entries to: Diana Haid, Youth Environmental Program, WV Department of Environmental Protection, 601 57th Street SE, Charleston, WV 25304.



NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: _____
Contact: Diana Haid
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Youth Groups to be Awarded for Environmental Projects

The _____ of _____ County will be one of more than 825 groups of young people from all age groups that are participating in the DEP Youth Environmental Program, according to Coordinator Diana Haid. These youth groups represent more than 75,000 student members who learn and practice environmental stewardship in many communities throughout the state.

Incentive for their participation comes from more than \$15,000 in cash awards that are donated by concerned businesses and organizations. Checks, awards and certificates for winners of the competitions will be presented during the Annual Youth Environmental Day, held the third Saturday in May at North Bend State Park. Representatives from the sponsoring organizations will be on hand to present awards to the young winners.

There's a \$2,500 per year, four-year scholarship award, and an art poster contest with the winners receiving scholarships to either Junior Conservation or State Conservation camps. More than 50 awards are given to program participants in all age groups, from elementary, middle, and high schools throughout the state. Sponsored cash awards for a variety of environmental projects range from \$100 to \$500. Among the many sponsored awards offered in the Youth Environmental Program is the West Virginia State Parks Superintendents Association Awards. The top two youth groups working with state park, forest or wildlife management area staff on such projects as trail maintenance, litter control, and beautification will share \$500 in awards.

"By generating and participating in community projects for litter control, recycling, beautification, tree planting, and environmental awareness," says Haid, "young people are becoming better stewards of West Virginia's natural resources. Projects such as these are the foundation of a coordinated, sustained endeavor on which good environmental principles are formed."

For more information on the Youth Environmental Program, please contact Diana Haid at (304) 926-0499, Ext.1114 or e-mail diana.k.haid@wv.gov



ORDER FORM EDUCATION MATERIALS

ORDER FORM

CLUB NAME

LEADER'S NAME

ADDRESS (Must have a street address for UPS delivery)

CITY/STATE/ZIP

COUNTY

DAYTIME PHONE NUMBER

AVAILABLE MATERIALS

Please send _____ of each item marked below.

- ☐ ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY APPLICATION
- ☐ ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY BROCHURE
- ☐ ADOPT-A-SPOT APPLICATION
- ☐ MAKE IT SHINE CLEANUP APPLICATION
- ☐ MAKE IT SHINE PENCIL
- ☐ OPERATION WILDFLOWER BROCHURE
- ☐ RECYCLING MOOD PENCILS
- ☐ WEST VIRGINIA LITTER LAWS BROCHURE
- ☐ YOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM BROCHURE
- ☐ ACTIVITY BOOK FOR YOUNG MOUNTAINEERS

Please check the boxes beside the item(s) you want to order, state the quantity needed, and mail this form to:

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2016

February 28	Deadline for Make It Shine Statewide Clean-up Registration
March 1-May 31	Spring Fire Season
April 1-14	Make It Shine Statewide Clean-up
April 15	Deadline for Youth Environmental Program Reports, Posters, Scholarship Applications, Hall of Fame Nominations, and Essays
April 22	International Observance of Earth Day
April 30	Adopt-A-Highway Spring Cleanup
May 21	53rd Annual Youth Environmental Day, North Bend State Park
June 13-18	WV State Conservation Camp, Camp Caesar, Cowen
June 20-24	Junior Conservation Camp, Cedar Lakes, Ripley
August 6	Annual Adopt-A-Highway Appreciation Picnic, Tamarack, Beckley
September 24	Adopt-A-Highway Fall Cleanup
Oct. 1-Dec. 31	Fall Fire Season
Sept. 30-Oct. 2	41st Annual Youth Environmental Conference, Canaan Valley Resort State Park
November 15	West Virginia Recycles Day and Contest Entry Postmark Deadline
November 19	ReFashion Show, Charleston Town Center Mall

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IDEAS FOR PROJECTS

- Protect wildlife and wildlife habitats
- Build a nature trail
- Attend and/or sponsor a hunter education class
- Begin backyard composting
- Make nature trail accessible to physically challenged
- Clean/monitor a stream
- Promote recycling
- Conduct energy audits
- Make an environmental display
- Help organize another environmental club
- Clean neglected cemeteries
- Provide additional trash receptacles in your community or school
- Provide recycling bins in your community or school
- Tour a fish hatchery
- Plant trees and shrubs for soil erosion or wildlife habitat
- Plant flowers
- Conduct a litter cleanup on school grounds
- Landscape school grounds
- Clean a vacant lot
- Promote clean water
- Report misuse of park or forest facilities
- Report illegal dumping
- Clean a community park
- Promote environmental education efforts
- Learn and promote safe boating laws
- Study native plants
- Study native wildlife
- Observe the hunting and fishing regulations
- Conduct an Arbor Day ceremony
- Protect and preserve wetlands
- Promote West Virginia's litter laws
- Promote forest fire prevention
- Participate in a nature hike
- Identify and protect your local watershed
- Build an outdoor classroom
- Plant a butterfly and/or hummingbird garden
- Build bird feeders and bird houses
- Conduct an environmental workshop
- Learn about point and nonpoint source pollution
- Conduct an enviro-shopping workshop
- Plan an environmental school assembly
- Form litter patrols of school grounds
- Start an environmental newsletter at school
- Report illegal hunting practices
- Learn safe archery techniques
- Conduct a casting demonstration
- Provide fish cover in streams and lakes
- Build duck nesting boxes
- Tour a wastewater treatment plant
- Participate in Save Our Streams program
- Participate in the Stream Partners program
- Learn about rock and soil formations
- Participate in the Make It Shine Statewide Cleanup
- Organize a river or stream cleanup
- Hold an Earth Day celebration
- Study forestry methods
- Hold recycling drives
- Participate in Adopt-A-Spot Program
- Participate in flood cleanup efforts
- Tour a landfill and/or recycling center



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