

## **OACD CONSERVATION AWARDS**

### **Sponsors**

The Oklahoma Association of Conservation Districts working with other sponsoring organizations, and through the conservation districts of Oklahoma, sponsors three awards annually for the conservation of soil and water resources. These are: Outstanding landowner/Cooperator, Outstanding Conservation District Director, and Outstanding Conservation District.

## **OUTSTANDING LANDOWNER/COOPERATOR**

### **Eligibility**

The nominee must be a conservation district cooperator and must have a conservation plan on file with the local conservation district office. Current district directors, district employees and employees of NRCS are not eligible to receive this award.

### **Nomination procedure and deadline**

All nominations must be sent to the OACD area director representing the nominating district at least 2 weeks prior to the area meeting for the year in which the individual is being nominated. One winner will be chosen for each area with the state winner then being chosen from the 5 area winners.

### **Nomination requirements**

Nominations should consist of a brief description (800 words or less) of the nominee's efforts to demonstrate the following:

1. Nominee's efforts to conserve and protect the natural resources associated with their land and their home.
2. Description of conservation practices and structures installed or undertaken by the nominee with an emphasis on innovated conservation management practices.
3. Involvement in community conservation oriented activities and organizations.

Supporting documentation such as pictures may be submitted but are not required.

All nominations must be accompanied by a letter of nomination from the Chair of the nominating district board and include the nominee's name and address.

Winners for the 5 areas will be announced at the area meeting. The state winner will be announced at the OACD annual meeting and the state award presentation will take place during conservation day at the capitol. Cash awards may be sponsored by businesses, organizations and

groups.

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## **OUTSTANDING DISTRICT DIRECTOR**

### **Eligibility**

The nominee must be a conservation district director who is currently serving on a district board.

### **Nomination procedure and deadline**

All nominations must be sent to the OACD area director representing the nominating district at least 2 weeks prior to the area meeting for the year in which the individual is being nominated. One winner will be chosen for each area with the state winner then being chosen from the 5 area winners.

### **Nomination requirements**

Nominations should consist of a brief description (800 words or less) of the nominee's efforts to demonstrate the following:

1. Nominee's efforts to conserve and protect the natural resources associated with their land and their home.
2. Description of attendance at conservation meetings and events, including local board meetings, OACD area and state meetings, NACD meetings.
3. Involvement in community conservation oriented activities and organizations.
4. Involvement in conservation outreach activities including media outreach, outreach to local, county, state and federal officials, local outreach to cooperators and state conservation events.
5. Positions held in other conservation organizations such as OACD
6. Involvement in Youth outreach activities
7. Any information demonstrating the leadership qualities of the individual and their dedication to conservation work.

Supporting documentation such as pictures may be submitted but are not required.

All nominations must be accompanied by a letter of nomination from the Chair of the nominating district board and include the nominees name and address.

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## **OUTSTANDING CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

### **Eligibility**

Any conservation district in Oklahoma that is actively pursuing a program to conserve the renewable natural resources of the district and that is currently a dues paying member of OACD is eligible

### **Nomination procedure and deadline**

All nominations must be sent to the OACD area director representing the nominating district at least 2 weeks prior to the area meeting for the year in which the district is located. One winner will be chosen for each area with the state winner then being chosen from the 5 area winners.

### **Nomination requirements**

Nominations should consist of a brief description (800 words or less) of the districts efforts to demonstrate the following:

1. The districts efforts to conserve and protect the natural resources in their area through local, state and federal programs.
2. The districts efforts to conduct local outreach programs to existing and potential cooperators to promote the conservation and protection of the natural resources of their district area.
3. The districts outreach to youth and their youth programs
4. The districts outreach through the media
5. The districts work with local, state and federal policy and decision makers
6. The services provided for local cooperators through the district
7. Any local, state or federal partnership undertaken by the local district to non-traditional partners or with state, local or federal government agencies
8. Any additional efforts highlighting the outstanding work of the district

Supporting documentation such as pictures may be submitted but are not required.

All nominations must be accompanied by a letter from the Chair of the district board placing its name in nomination.

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