



2017 Arkansas Recycling Coalition Annual Awards



Deadline for submitting application is May 12, 2017

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Annual Awards

2017 ARC Annual Awards Program

The Arkansas Recycling Coalition (ARC) unites companies, government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and individuals in a common effort to promote Reduce, Reuse, Repurpose and Recycle as the primary means of Sustainable Materials Management in Arkansas. Comprised of over 250 members, ARC fosters a sharing of ideas by providing its members with opportunities to further their knowledge, increase their industry awareness and network with other like-minded leaders from across the nation. With this mission, ARC strives to increase the effectiveness of resource recovery in Arkansas

ARC's Annual Awards Program recognizes individuals, organizations and industry leaders who have made a significant contribution to the advancement of waste reduction, recycling, and sustainable materials management in Arkansas over the past year. This year, the 2017 ARC Annual Awards Program will be held in conjunction with the ARC Annual Conference & Trade show scheduled September 18-20 at the Best Western Inn of the Ozarks, in Eureka Springs, Arkansas. Announcement and presentation of the ARC awards will be made at a special ARC Awards Luncheon to be held during the conference on September 19.

Recipients, in addition to receiving recognition at the Awards Luncheon, can request assistance in obtaining media coverage in their local communities. If requested, an ARC representative will be available to participate in a re-presentation of the award at a location and to the group determined by the award recipient. Photos taken during the presentation and a Press Release will be sent electronically to the Recipient.

The ARC's Annual Awards Program is open to both members and non-members. If you applied in a previous year and did not receive an award, you may reapply in the same or a different category. However, recipients of any ARC Award within the previous three years are NOT eligible to apply.

Award Categories

Individual Recycler of the Year Award

The Individual Recycler of the Year Award honors an individual who has made a significant contribution to the advancement of waste reduction, recycling, and sustainable materials management in Arkansas over the past year. Judges will be looking for an individual who demonstrates professional leadership in the pursuit of an integrated approach to waste reduction, recycling and sustainability; who is a positive community role model and leads by example; seeks opportunities to promote recycling, sustainability and apply their experience/expertise within his/her community; uses innovative approaches to educate others; and has a willingness to share information and encourage other persons/businesses/agencies to implement a waste reduction/recycling program.

Community Involvement Award

To receive the Community Involvement Award, a business, organization or individual must have met two (2) criteria. First, the nominee must be a positive community role model. Secondly, nominee must visibly promote source reduction, beneficial reuse, landfill diversion, and sustainable materials management within the community or region in which it is located. The ideal candidate will support city, county, regional or state recycling activities by being actively involved in the community's waste reduction efforts; seek opportunities to promote recycling and sustainable materials management efforts within the community; educate citizens and peers about recycling; and encourage others to take recycling efforts home.



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Corporate Recycler of the Year Award

The Corporate Recycler of the Year Award recognizes a business or organization who has implemented a culture of effective sustainable materials management in its corporate affairs, operations, procurement practices, and downstream waste management methods. Judges will be looking for applicants whose culture includes implementation of an integrated materials management program that incorporates an ongoing, comprehensive employee education program, adopted administrative policies that demonstrates its commitment to sustainable materials management and continuous improvements in sustainability; demonstrates a long-term commitment to fund the program; adopted waste conscious procurement policies for materials and supplies; works upstream with its suppliers to reduce waste and wasteful practices; facilitates a willingness to share information and encourage other businesses, suppliers and the public to implement waste reduction/recycling program. This award will not be given to a business that relies on recycling as its primary means of income.

Government Recycler of the Year Award

The Government Recycler of the Year Award recognizes a public employee, public agency, public institution or nonprofit organization that has taken a leadership role in the development and promotion of recycling as a viable waste management tool. Judges will be looking for a candidate who has implemented a successful Integrated Waste Reduction Program incorporating source reduction, beneficial reuse, recycling and sustainable materials management; utilizes a comprehensive publicity/education program targeting residential and/or commercial sources within that community; has developed/implemented waste conscious procurement policies; purchase recycled/recyclable products for use in their administrative offices and/or operations; pursues an ongoing marketing plan which continually considers the highest/best use for each waste stream; and a program that continually seeks innovative approaches to further expand waste reduction programs within the community.

Recycling Education Program of the Year Award

The Recycling Education Program of the Year Award is presented to the organization, school or individual that has established a proven Recycling Education Program, which offers an integrated approach incorporating source reduction, beneficial reuse, recycling, and sustainable materials management into a comprehensive educational program within a community or region. To further this cause, the ideal education program will include a comprehensive publicity/education curriculum targeting all age groups (including weekend or nontraditional work hours); will have recognized program success within the community or region by demonstrating positive long-term behavioral changes.

School/College/University Recycler of the Year Award

The School/College/University Recycler of the Year Award will be given to an outstanding school, college or university that demonstrates a long-term commitment to waste reduction, recycling and sustainable material management both in the classroom and as a means to manage the school's solid waste stream. Judges will be looking for applicants whose efforts include implementation of an Integrated Waste Reduction Program; a long-term commitment to fund that program; utilizes waste conscious procurement policies which include the purchase of recycled-content/recyclable products; implementation of a comprehensive education program to instruct students, facility, and staff about waste reduction and recycling efforts; an ongoing volunteer recruitment and retention plan; and student's enthusiasm and ownership of the program.

2016 Award Recipients

Corporate Recycler of the Year

Holiday Inn Conference Center/O'Reilly Hospitality - Little Rock

Government Recycler of the Year

The Little Rock Zoo - Little Rock

School/College/University Recycler of the Year

Daisy Bates Elementary - Little Rock

Community Involvement Award

Mary Singer - Marion

Individual Recycler of the Year

Richard Metzelaars - Magnolia

Recycling Education Program of the Year

Michelle Gillham

Betsy Spetich

Sustainable Business Award

Roger Davis, Davis Rubber Co - Little Rock

2015 Award Recipients

Corporate Recycler of the Year

Kimberly-Clark Corporation - Conway & Maumelle

Government Recycler of the Year

Central Arkansas Water - Little Rock

School/College/University Recycler of the Year

John Brown University - Siloam Springs

Community Involvement Award

Goodwill Industries of Arkansas - Little Rock

Individual Recycler of the Year

Alexis Stevenson, FCCLA Jonesboro High

Director Award

Allison Albritton - Conway

2014 Award Recipients

Corporate Recycler of the Year

Pratt & Whitney PSD - Springdale

Government Recycler of the Year

Pathfinder - Jacksonville

Recycling Education Program of the Year

Fairfield Bay HIPPE Recycling Center - Fairfield Bay

School Recycler of the Year

Alma School District - Alma

Thomas Jefferson Elementary - Little Rock

College/University Recycler of the Year

Pulaski Technical College - Little Rock

Community Involvement Award

Saline County RSWMD - Benton

Outstanding Individual Recycler of the Year

Alexis Stevenson, FCCLA Jonesboro High

2013 Award Recipients

Corporate Recycler of the Year

OK Foods, Inc - Fort Smith

Government Recycler of the Year

City of Bryant Parks and Recreation

City of Fayetteville

Recycling Education Program of the Year

Second Chance School Supplies - Fayetteville

School Recycler of the Year

Don Roberts Elementary School - Little Rock

College/University Recycler of the Year

U of A for Medical Sciences - Little Rock

Community Involvement Award

Howard County Children's Center - Nashville

2012 Award Recipients

Corporate Recycler of the Year

McKee Foods Corporation - Gentry

Government Recycler of the Year

AR National Guard - Camp Robinson, North Little Rock

Recycling Education Program of the Year

Carroll County Solid Waste Authority - Eureka Springs

Cross County Special Workshop - Wynne

Community Involvement Award

ESCO Processing & Recycling - Rogers

2011 Award Recipients

Corporate Recycler of the Year

General Dynamics - Armament and Technical Products - Hampton

Recycling Education Program of the Year

Wooster Elementary School - Greenbrier

School Recycler of the Year

George Elementary - Springdale

Van Buren School District - Van Buren

College/University Recycler of the Year

University of Arkansas' Razorback Recycling Facility - Fayetteville

Community Involvement Award

Goodwill Industries of Arkansas - Little Rock

Application Procedure

There are two methods to apply and/or nominate an individual or organization:

1. Online - The preferred method for transmitting your Awards Application Form is by applying online at the ARC website: www.recycleark.org (All videos and photos must be uploaded and attached to your application form).
2. Video - Submit your Awards Application on video – DVD format. Be sure to include each of the required award criteria as indicated on the Application Form.

Should you not have the means to file the application electronically, please contact the ARC office for assistance.

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Arkansas Recycling Coalition 2017 Awards Application Form

Select the appropriate award category for your entry

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Recycler of the Year Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Government Recycler of the Year Award |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Involvement Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Recycling Education Program of the Year Award |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Recycler of the Year Award | <input type="checkbox"/> School/College/University Recycler of the Year Award |

Contact information for the organization being nominated

Name _____

Organization Name _____

Department _____

Mailing Address _____

City / State / Zip _____

Telephone / Email _____

Name as it should appear on the award _____

Contact information for the person or organization making the nomination if different from above

Name _____

Organization Name _____

Telephone / Email _____

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