**2017 Texas Environmental Excellence Awards**

**General Application**

**We must receive your application by September 30, 2016.**

**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

* Use this application to nominate an environmental project for a 2017 Texas Environmental Excellence Award in one of these categories: Agriculture, Civic/Community, Education, Individual, Innovative Operations/Management, Pollution Prevention, Water Conservation, and Youth.
* Use the Technical Application for the category Technical/Technology.
* Submit only one application per project.
* In the section *General Information*, the only fields you should leave blank are ones that do not pertain to your environmental project.
* In the section *Project Information*, consider constructing a response that completely answers the question and also includes any of the details that are listed on the web page <[teea.org/apply](http://www.teea.org/apply)>.
* There are two ways to submit:
  + Complete this Word document and send it to [awards@tceq.texas.gov](mailto:awards@tceq.texas.gov); or
  + Complete the online form <[teea.org/general-application](http://www.teea.org/general-application/)> and click “Submit Application.”
* **Do not send any support materials.** (We might ask for these materials later)

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

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| Company/Organization Name *(List all entities being nominated)*: | | | |
| Type of Business or Organization: | | | |
| Business Subsidiary of: | | Number of Employees/Members: | |
| Customer Reference Number (*if applicable)*: | | Regulated Entity Reference Number (*if applicable)*: | |
| Contact Person: | | | |
| Contact Title: | | | |
| Mailing Address: | | | |
| City: | State: | | ZIP: |
| Physical Address (*if different*): | | | |
| City: | State: | | ZIP: |
| Daytime Phone: | Alternate Phone: | | Fax: |
| E-mail Address: | | | |
| Website Address: | | | |
| Total Number of Applications Submitted: | | | |
| Award Category (*Final determination made by the TCEQ*): | | | |

**PROJECT INFORMATION**

***Unless otherwise stated, provide each answer in 100 words or less.***

1. Name of project or individual:
2. Describe the project in detail (date of event(s), site(s), number of people participating, purpose, goals, history, accomplishments to date, etc.). What type of environmental improvement was made, and how was the improvement accomplished? (Describe in 600 words or less.)

1. Is this project innovative or creative in its use of technology or personnel? If so, please explain.

1. Describe how the project benefits the environment (for example, how it conserves water, reduces waste or pollution, improves air or water quality). Does it serve as a model for other projects? How will this project impact future environmental quality?

1. How do you specifically measure and evaluate the success of the project and what specific outcomes have you recorded/observed thus far? (Include hard numbers such as: gallons of water conserved, pounds of diverted waste or resources conserved, cost savings, year-to-year comparison, etc.)

1. Describe any educational, training, or outreach component to your program (brochure, video, manual, classes, seminars, etc.). Have you worked with another school, city, or other organization to help them establish a similar program?

1. Does this project involve the cooperation of different types of public, private, community, business, or citizen groups? If so, please explain the cooperative effort(s) and list all participating entities and their respective roles.

1. Estimate the cost of the project. Give specifics, if applicable. Describe the cost-effectiveness of this project.

1. Describe anything exceptional about your project (For example, does your project: self-sustain financially; go above and beyond legal requirements; address issues of environmental equity; result in a significant positive impact to the environment; or take place in a critical region, such as the Rio Grande border area or a National Ambient Air Quality Standards nonattainment or near nonattainment area?).

1. Briefly describe the schedule or timetable of the project, including the start date and dates of any major milestones. Will this be an ongoing project? What additional resources and/or activities would allow you to improve this project?

1. How did you hear about this year’s Texas Environmental Excellence Awards?