



LOUISIANA ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

A cooperative program to enhance environmental quality in Louisiana



2009 Environmental Leadership Awards Individual Award Nomination Guidance

Purpose

The Louisiana Environmental Leadership Program (ELP) seeks to accomplish its central goals to recognize and promote pollution prevention, waste reduction, community outreach and other efforts that exceed regulatory requirements through the ELP Awards Program. The ELP Awards Program recognizes outstanding activities and projects undertaken by Louisiana's businesses, federal entities, municipalities, schools and universities, non-governmental organizations, and individuals that demonstrate environmental leadership and the pursuit of a cleaner, safer environment.

The Environmental Leader Award

This award is given to an outstanding Louisiana citizen for exceptional leadership and advocacy in raising public awareness about environmental and human health issues through environmental education, advocacy, environmental research and program development, and pollution prevention and waste reduction efforts. The environmental leader should also have a demonstrated history of being involved in the regulatory process and/or encouraging other citizen to get involved in environmental activities that lead to the preservation of Louisiana's environment.

Minimum Requirements

The nominee must be a Louisiana citizen that has demonstrated leadership in the achievement of measurable successes in environmental protection, conservation, and at least two of the following:

- Leadership and commitment to continuous environmental improvement including demonstrated successes in environmental reform and contributions to environmental regulation development
- Initiated and facilitated environmental awareness and education programs in the community
- Demonstrated development of community partnerships and facilitation of community-industry-government relations
- Development of pollution prevention or waste reduction project or program

Nomination

- If you know someone in your community who is an advocate for the environment and always goes the extra mile to provide outstanding environmental leadership, nominate them for the Environmental Leader Award. Please include three letters of support with at least one from a direct beneficiary of services with the nomination. *Employees of the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality are not eligible.*

Nominations should be submitted by **April 17, 2009** to:

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Individual Award Nomination Form

Name of Nominee _____

Address _____

Phone () _____ Fax () _____

E-mail Address _____

Name of Person Nominating _____

Address _____

Phone () _____ Fax () _____

E-mail Address _____

In your nomination please include **all three** elements listed below. Please keep nominations to no more than **two** pages:

1. **Background:** Provide a brief history of your nominee including how he or she first became involved in community or environmental projects. Include the nominee's background, qualifications, number of years involved with environmental issues, and other accomplishments.
2. **Leadership:** Describe your nominee's leadership qualities. Include how civic groups, the business community, individuals, or others were involved in project led by your nominee. Indicate participation in seminars or training related to environmental work your nominee has participated in including ENVIRO SCHOOL training sessions.
3. **Community and Environmental Action:** Describe in detail activities undertaken by your nominee including: pollution prevention and waste reduction initiatives, beautification and community improvement programs, educational programs or meetings the nominee has participated in and/or spearheaded, and/or securing grant funding for community projects, forming partnerships with other organizations and businesses to carry out selected goals and objectives.

Other Items:

- Please attach this form to the front of your entry.
- Please be descriptive and include pictures and data to supplement the information presented to assist judges in determining the merit of your project.