

*Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation Districts*

**Award for Excellence in Soil and Water Education**

***OHIO DISTRICT OF THE YEAR PROGRAM***

**Purpose:**

The purpose of this award is to recognize outstanding and innovative SWCD education initiatives that have proven successful in reaching out to a variety of audiences (including nontraditional and underserved), involving new partnerships, and spreading the soil and water conservation message. District programs that are honored will serve as models of excellence for other SWCD education programs.



**Eligibility:**

All conservation districts are eligible to participate in this program and receive this award unless they have won the "Ohio District of the Year" award in the past five years.

**Application:**

To nominate your district, complete the nomination form and return it by November 30. Nominations should include a *brief description (500 words or less) of your district's success in a specific educational initiative.* Up to four photographs can be included.

**Judging:**

Entries will be judged by the OFSWCD Education and Communications Committee. Special consideration will be given to entries that:

- Describe a novel or innovative approach in educational strategies,
- Show the involvement of unique partners, and
- Document success in achieving stated goals.

**Awards:**

The winning SWCD will receive a \$100 cash award and plaque, which will be presented at the OFSWCD Annual Meeting held in February, 2013.

**Judging Deadline:**

Entries must be in the possession of the Division of Soil and Water Conservation no later than November 30, 2012. Send to:

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