



WAEE and School Forest Awards Program Nomination Form 2009

The Wisconsin Association for Environmental Education, Inc. (WAE) is a private, non-profit, non-governmental organization dedicated to supporting and promoting environmental education. WAE is comprised of professional educators that provide training, networking and information for educators and citizens through conferences, workshops and publications. WAE's awards program exists to recognize and encourage excellence in the field of environmental education.

The Wisconsin School Forest Program enhances the use of outdoor classrooms to increase students' learning and environmental literacy. The program is part of the LEAF program and is a partnership between the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources - Division of Forestry and the Wisconsin Center for Environmental Education.

We are now accepting applications for the WAE and School Forest 2009 Awards. To nominate a candidate, student, class or youth group, complete the following form and provide the information requested under the appropriate categories below. **All nominations are due by September 25th, 2009.** If you have questions about this process, please contact the awards committee via the WAE office at 715-346-2796 or wae@uwsp.edu.

This year monetary prizes will be given out with the awards.

List of Awards

Earthguard Award: For schools, youth groups and college or university organizations. Presented in recognition of student leadership in developing and conducting outstanding environmental action projects. Schools, classes and youth groups are eligible for nomination. All groups are encouraged to apply.

Recognition: Paid registration to the WAE fall conference, acknowledgement in the WAE newsletter and on the WAE website, framed certificate and formal recognition at the WAE Fall Conference banquet.

Provide the following information:

- Name(s) of staff member(s) involved.
- Number of students involved and their grade levels.
- A one-page description of the project. Clearly explain how students were involved in planning and implementation. Include quotes from the students concerning their engagement with the project. Include when the accomplishment/project was made, where, how long it took place, and the benefits of the project.
- A 50 word summary/abstract to be used for promotional purposes.
- Reference letters from individuals who are familiar with the nominee's environmental education efforts. Letters are not required but highly recommended.
- Photo(s) for use in press releases and WAE publications. (Only required if your nominee is selected.)

- Completed nomination form.

Student Award: For 6-12 and post secondary students. Presented for outstanding student involvement in the field of environmental education and academic excellence.

Recognition: Paid registration to the WAEE fall conference, acknowledgement in the WAEE newsletter and on the WAEE website, framed certificate and formal recognition at the WAEE Fall Conference banquet.

Provide the following information:

- A one-page description listing the nominee's significant contributions to the field of environmental education.
- A 50 word summary/abstract to be used for promotional purposes.
- Reference letters from individuals who are familiar with the nominee's environmental education efforts. Letters are not required but highly recommended.
- Photo(s) for use in press releases and WAEE publications. (Only required if your nominee is selected.)
- Completed nomination form.

Educator of the Year Awards: For formal and non-formal educators and administrators.

Formal Educators: Presented for outstanding, ongoing effort in infusing environmental education into their teaching.

Non-Formal Educators: Presented for exhibiting innovative and exemplary effort in providing environmental education opportunities for general audiences.

Administrators: Presented for providing ongoing support and active involvement in environmental education in his/her facility. Administrators from any education-related facility are eligible.

Eligibility: PreK-12 grade teachers, professionals and volunteer educators who teach in non-formal settings, and administrators from any education-related facility.

Recognition: Paid registration to the WAEE fall conference, acknowledgement in the WAEE newsletter and on the WAEE website, engraved plaque and formal recognition at the WAEE Fall Conference banquet.

Provide the following information:

- A one-page description of the innovative environmental education instruction the nominee has developed/implemented/incorporated/supported. Include when the accomplishment/project was made, where, how long it took place, and the benefits of the project.
- A 50 word summary/abstract to be used for promotional purposes.
- Reference letters from individuals who are familiar with the nominee's environmental education efforts. Letters are not required but highly recommended.
- Photo(s) for use in press releases and WAEE publications. (Only required if your nominee is selected.)
- Completed nomination form.

WAEF Award: For individuals, agencies, and organizations. Presented for significant contributions to the field of environmental education having statewide, regional, or national impact.

Recognition: Paid registration to the WAEF fall conference, engraved plaque, acknowledgement in the WAEF newsletter and on the WAEF website and formal recognition at the WAEF Fall Conference banquet.

Provide the following information:

- A one-page description listing the nominee's significant contributions to the field of environmental education.
- Reference letters (at least 2) from individuals who are familiar with the nominee's environmental education efforts.
- A 50 word summary/abstract to be used for promotional purposes.
- Photo(s) for use in press releases and WAEF publications. (Only required if your nominee is selected.)
- Completed nomination form.

Aldo Leopold Award: For WAEF members. Presented for long-term, exemplary service to WAEF and the field of environmental education, this is the WAEF's most prestigious honor.

Recognition: Paid registration to the WAEF fall conference, acknowledgement in the WAEF newsletter and on the WAEF website, framed color photograph of the "Leopold Shack" and formal recognition at the WAEF Fall Conference banquet.

Provide the following information:

- A one-page description listing services to WAEF (for example: committee work, presentations, other support of the organization) and description of exemplary service in the field of environmental education outside of WAEF.
- A 50 word summary/abstract to be used for promotional purposes.
- Reference letters (at least 2) from individuals who are familiar with the nominee's environmental education efforts.
- Photo(s) for use in press releases and WAEF publications. (Only required if your nominee is selected.)
- Completed nomination form.

Wisconsin School Forest Awards: For individuals and organizations who have provided leadership for local school forests. LEAF (the Wisconsin K-12 Forestry Education Program) and WAEE will recognize individuals and organizations who have made significant contributions to school forest programs. There are 4 categories in which awards can be presented. Nominees in any category can be individuals or organizations. Categories include:

Teachers (k-12 public or private school teachers, teacher organizations, etc.)

School administrators (district administrators, principals, curriculum directors, etc.)

Resource professionals (extension agents, educational or environmental organizations, college faculty, state agency staff, natural resource managers, etc.)

Community members (citizens, community organizations, etc.)

Recognition: Paid registration to the WAEE fall conference, engraved plaque, recognition on the LEAF School Forest website and formal acknowledgement at the WAEE Fall Conference banquet.

Provide the following information:

- A one-page description describing the nominee's involvement with programs, projects, or initiatives that have advanced the school forest program. Please describe for how many years and in what capacities the nominee has been involved with school forests.
- A 50 word summary/abstract to be used for promotional purposes.
- Reference letters from individuals who are familiar with the nominee's environmental education efforts. Letters are not required but highly recommended.
- Photo(s) for use in press releases and WAEE publications. (Only required if your nominee is selected.)
- Completed nomination form.

Wisconsin Association for Environmental Education and School Forest Awards Program Application Form

Applications must be postmarked by September 25, 2009.

Please use one copy of this form for each application in an award category.

Make additional copies as needed.

Check the Award you are applying for:

- Earthguard Award
- Student Award
- Educator of the Year Award
 - Formal Non-Formal Administrator
- Aldo Leopold Award
- WAEE Award
- Wisconsin School Forest Award (Please check the appropriate subcategory.)
 - Teacher School Administrator Resource Professional Community Member

Nominee Information

Name _____

Title _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

H Phone _____ W Phone _____ Email _____

Nominator Information

Name _____

H Phone _____ W Phone _____ Email _____

Nominator Signature _____

Date _____

List 2 references who are aware of the nominee and would support this nomination.

Reference #1

Name _____

Title _____

Contact phone number _____ Email _____

Reference #2

Name _____

Title _____

Contact phone number _____ Email _____

For publicity purposes, please provide the following information:

Nominee's local newspaper _____

Nominee's regional newspaper _____

This form and other requested application materials should be completed in their entirety and sent to:

WAEE Awards Program

08 Nelson Hall

Stevens Point, WI 54481

Questions? Contact WAEE office at 715/346-2796 or email wae@uwsp.edu.

Completed application materials must be postmarked by September 25, 2009.