



STAR
NORTH TEXAS
State of Texas Alliance for Recycling

2017 RECYCLING LEADERSHIP AWARDS APPLICATION

Applications due Friday, July 7, 2017

2017 NORTH TEXAS RECYCLING LEADERSHIP AWARDS

NOMINATION FORM

Category *(select 1 only)*

- North Texas Volunteer of the Year
- Distinguished Greenscape Project
- Excellence in Environmental Public Education & Outreach Program
- Outstanding Environmental Youth Education & Outreach
- Outstanding Integrated Solid Waste Management Program
- Outstanding Recycling Special Event
- Outstanding Recycling Partnership
- Outstanding Composting Program
- Excellence in Construction and Demolition Debris Reuse/Recycling
- Outstanding Sustainable Materials Management Program
- Rachael Green Sustainability Leadership Award

Name of Nominator

Contact Person and Title:

Phone Fax Email

Name of Nominee *(individual, business, non-profit organization, school, university, or government agency)*

Name: Population Served

STAR Member? Yes No

Contact Person and Title:

Mailing Address: City Zip Code

Phone: Fax Email

[Nominee will receive 10 bonus points if a member of STAR.](#)

To join STAR, please visit: <https://www.recyclingstar.org/support-star/become-a-member/>

DEADLINE: Received by July 7, 2017, 5:00 P.M. CST

SUBMITTAL: Submit the application online at STARNTXAwards@gmail.com

2017 STAR North Texas Recycling Leadership Awards

STAR North Texas is pleased to announce the call for entries for the [2017 STAR North Texas Recycling Leadership Awards](#). The 2017 Award winners will be honored during an Awards Luncheon in August 2017 and the winners will be eligible to progress to the State Level STAR Awards Competition. These annual awards recognize the outstanding contributions of individuals, communities, and businesses for developing or maintaining programs involving recycling and other sustainability efforts in North Texas.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

ELIGIBILITY

- ❖ Nominated individuals, businesses, non-profit organizations, schools, universities, and government agencies do not have to be a member of **STATE OF TEXAS ALLIANCE FOR RECYCLING (STAR)**; however; if the nominee is a member, **10 BONUS POINTS will be awarded**.
- ❖ Nomination Packets may be submitted for any of the categories for efforts carried out between January 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016. **Please note that any results outside of this time frame will not be considered for an award. Duplicate applications from past years will be disqualified from the judging process.**
- ❖ Applications and support material must be received electronically in PDF format by 5:00 P.M. CST, **July 7, 2017**. *Late, faxed or hard-copied (mailed) Nomination Packets will be disqualified. The process is completely online. There will be NO extensions to this deadline.*

****PLEASE NOTE – Past winners are not eligible to apply for the same award category in consecutive years. Individual awards are lifetime awards.**

JUDGING


STAR NORTH TEXAS will select a committee of experts. The judges will evaluate each application upon all criteria including the population served. Multiple awards may be awarded in each category depending upon the information submitted and population served. **STAR NORTH TEXAS** Awards Committee reserves the right to make the final decision. Awards may not be presented in each category, depending on the qualifications of the nominations received. **WINNERS WILL BE NOTIFIED NO LATER THAN August 11, 2017.**

NOMINATION PACKETS

- ◆ Select the appropriate award category as a program may be entered in one category only. The Awards Committee reserves the right to reassign a Nomination Packet to a more appropriate category.
- ◆ A completed Nomination Packet includes:
 - (a) A completed Nomination Form;
 - (b) A narrative addressing the selection criteria elements in the nominated category;
 - (c) The Awards Committee may request support material at a later date.
- ◆ Faxed or mailed (hard copy) Nomination Packets will not be considered.
- ◆ Questions can be directed to: STARNTXAwards@gmail.com
- ◆ Please complete your application in detail and show your project's results. You must submit the application online at: STARNTXAwards@gmail.com

Award Descriptions

North Texas Volunteer of the Year Award


 Who is eligible to apply: Any individual who has personally demonstrated superior volunteer work in the North Texas Community that promotes and perpetuates sustainability.

- *Volunteer efforts only*
- *Program, event or project resulting in waste reduction or recycling*
- *Significant accomplishments and how accomplishments impacted others*
- *Ability to take initiative, lead others, think creatively and work effectively with others*
- *Shared his/her experience with others*
- *Overall Summary of volunteer works*

Evaluation System:

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| • Measurable Volunteer Efforts | 10 points |
| • Creative Environmental Efforts | 20 points |
| • Long-Term Volunteer Efforts | 20 points |
| • Comprehensive Knowledge | 20 points |
| • Initiative / Leadership | 20 points |
| • Vision and Forward Thinking | 10 points |

Distinguished Greenscape Project Award

 Who is eligible to apply: Any entity that has incorporated an outdoor green space into their environmental or sustainability program.

Evaluation System

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| • Sustainability Site Related Principles | 20 Points |
| • Natural Landscaping Principles | 20 Points |
| • Connecting People to Nature | 15 Points |
| • Manage Stormwater Naturally | 15 Points |
| • Integrate Green Design and Construction Practices | 10 Points |
| • Recycled Materials Used | 20 Points |

Excellence in Environmental Public Education and Outreach Program

- ♻️ Who is eligible to apply: Businesses, non-profit organizations, universities and government agencies program operational for a minimum of one year

Evaluation System:

- Comprehensive Education/Awareness 20 points
- Program Elements 20 points
- Innovative/Unique Aspects 20 points
- Demonstrated Increased Awareness 20 points
- Number Reached 20 points

Outstanding Environmental Youth Education and Outreach Program

- ♻️ Who is eligible to apply: Pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade with a program operational for a minimum of one year

Evaluation System:

- Comprehensive Education/Awareness 20 points
- Program Elements 20 points
- Innovative/Unique Aspects 20 points
- Demonstrated Increased Awareness 20 points
- Number of students Reached 20 points


Outstanding Integrated Solid Waste Management Program

- ♻️ Who is eligible to apply: Businesses, organizations, schools, universities, government agencies with a program operational for a minimum of one year who demonstrated significant accomplishments

Evaluation System:

- Continuous education and awareness 10 points
- Waste Reduction & Green purchasing 20 points
- Program Goals & Policies 20 points
- Significant Accomplishments/Impacts 20 points
- Innovative/Unique Aspects 20 points
- Measurability (participation or recycle rate, increased tonnage, etc.) 10 points

Outstanding Recycling Special Event

-  Who is eligible to apply: Any organizer of an event(s) that is held limited times each year with significant accomplishments and demonstrates how those accomplishments impacted others

Evaluation System:

- Measurable metrics, i.e. yards or weight 10 points
- Public/Education Component 20 points
- Volunteer Contribution 20 points
- Partnership Involvement 20 points
- Innovative/Unique Aspects 20 points
- Number of people Reached 10 points


Outstanding Recycling Partnership

-  Who is eligible to apply: Any Businesses, non-profit organizations, schools, universities, and government agencies with a partnership between two distinct entities for at least one year

Evaluation System:

- Partnership longevity 10 points
- Integrated Waste Reduction & Recycling Programs 20 points
- Partnership Goals & Innovation/Unique aspects 20 points
- Significant Accomplishments & Impact 20 points
- Continuous Education & Awareness 20 points
- Recycled Materials Collected 10 points

Outstanding Composting Program

-  Who is eligible to apply: Businesses, non-profit organizations, schools, universities, and government agencies with a composting program operational for a minimum of one year

Evaluation System:

- Composted materials diverted 10 points
- Significant Accomplishments & Impact 20 points
- Program goals and policies 20 points
- Employee/Customer/Public Education 20 points
- Continued Growth of Program 20 points
- Measurability of Program (participation/compost rate, tonnage, etc.) 10 points

Excellence in Construction & Demolition Debris Reuse / Recycling

- ♻️ Who is eligible to apply: Businesses, non-profit organizations, schools, universities, and government agencies with a C&D reuse/recycling program for a minimum of one year

Evaluation System:

- Innovative/unique aspects/types of materials collected 10 points
- Significant Measurable Accomplishments & Impact 20 points
- Waste Conscious or Buy Recycled Goals 20 points
- Comprehensive Program 10 points
- Certification and/or Goals Achieved 20 points
- Employee/Customer Education 20 points

Outstanding Sustainable Materials Management Program

- ♻️ Who is eligible to apply: Businesses, non-profits, schools, universities, and government agencies promoting the “buy recycled” idea with significant accomplishments and how they impacted others. Applicants should have exemplary waste conscious procurement goals and development or implementation of a specific product, which reflects environmentally responsible practices.

Evaluation System:

- Promote “Buy Recycled” Principles / Policies 10 points
- Significant Accomplishments & Impact 20 points
- Waste Conscious or Buy Recycled Goals 20 points
- Type & Quantity of Commodities Purchased 10 points
- Development or Implementation of Specific Product 20 points
- Employee/Customer Education 20 points

Rachael Green Sustainability Leadership Award

- ♻️ Who is eligible to apply: Businesses, non-profit organizations, schools, universities, and government agencies with a program operational for a minimum of one year. Applicants should demonstrate Innovative/unique aspects in their sustainability Program goals and policies with Continuous education and awareness. Recycling initiatives should include going above and beyond recycling with composting and other initiatives to promote sustainability leadership.

Evaluation System:

- Practice Green Purchasing 10 points
- Significant, measurable Results 20 points
- Waste Minimization 20 points
- Energy Conscious Program 10 points
- Integrated Waste Reduction & Recycling Programs 10 points
- Employee/Customer Education 20 points
- Water Conservation Initiatives 10 points

Application Considerations

Please address all of the following questions in your own words to describe your project or program and how it exemplifies the award you are applying for.

1. **Describe the project in detail, and how it is a great example of the award category entered?**

What is the purpose and/or problem the project or program was created to address? Where is the project located? What are the project goals, and how do they incorporate the concept of REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE? When did the project began or when did the event happen; is it on-going? Who is the target audience or participants? How does it exemplify the award category it is entered in?

2. **What kinds of cooperation, communication, and education efforts were used in this project?**

Describe the involvement and cooperation between employees, departments, customers, or between businesses or organizations used to develop the program. Describe the ways in which target participants were informed about the rules, reasons, or ways to participate. Did you use behavior changing techniques to improve participation?

3. **How is progress tracked?**

Describe measurable results by including data such as before and after collection weights, costs reduced, number of people participating, number of people educated, materials reduced or reused, or other measures of success pertinent to your project or program.

4. **How does your project or program result in sustainable efforts to REDUCE, REUSE, and RECYCLE in your business, community, or institution?**

What kind of results did you achieve and how will positive results be sustainable into the future? Does this program move your organization toward zero waste, incorporate product stewardship principles, green purchasing, or other permanent, positive changes?

Supplemental Materials

Please attach a company logo with your application submission. You may insert electronic pictures, graphs, charts, **and** examples of marketing, articles, or any applicable visual representations to support your application and show the effectiveness of your program. **DO NOT ATTACH EXTRA FILES.** All electronic files must be within one *award application document*.

TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE = 100 PTS

(10 Bonus points awarded to members of STAR)