

Deadline extended to June 30 to nominate a student for 2016 Young Environmentalist Awards

DOVER – Do you know a Delaware student who is working to make a difference for the environment? The Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control is encouraging teachers, classmates, parents, club or group leaders and others whom a youth's efforts might have impressed to nominate these students for the 2016 Young Environmentalist of the Year Awards. Nominations must be based on actions or projects which have taken place between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016.

Nominations will be accepted through Thursday, June 30, 2016. A winner will be chosen from each of the following categories:

- Elementary for students in grades 1-4
- Middle School for students in grades 5-8
- High School for students in grades 9-12

The Young Environmentalist program honors Delaware students whose actions have resulted in the protection, restoration or enhancement of Delaware's natural resources through one or more of the following means:

- Demonstrating Environmental Stewardship
- Initiating an Innovative Project
- Increasing Public Awareness
- Demonstrating Environmental Ethics

This is the 23rd year for the award, which was established by colleagues and friends in honor of Dr. Edwin H. Clark II, who served as Secretary of DNREC from 1989 until 1993.

A gift card and a Delaware State Parks prize pack will be

awarded to each category winner in recognition of his or her contribution to the community.

Winners will be honored in a special ceremony on Governor's Day at the 2016 Delaware State Fair Thursday, July 28.

For more information, including nomination forms, please contact Joanna Wilson, DNREC Public Affairs, at 302-739-9902 or by email at Joanna.wilson@delaware.gov, or visit www.dnrec.delaware.gov/Admin/Pages/YoungEnv.aspx.

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