

DNREC seeks Delaware students who make a difference in the environment for 2017 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 2017 Young Environmentalist of the Year Awards. Nominations must be based on actions or projects which have taken place between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017.

Nominations will be accepted through Friday, June 23, 2017. 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 24th year for the Young Environmentalist awards program, 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.

Each category winner will receive a certificate, gift card and prize pack in recognition of his or her contribution to the community.

Winners will be honored in a special ceremony on Governor's Day at the 2017 Delaware State Fair Thursday, July 27.

Nominations may be submitted by U.S. mail to Joanna Wilson, DNREC Public Affairs, 89 Kings Highway, Dover, DE 19901, or by email to joanna.wilson@delaware.gov.

For more information, including nomination forms, please visit the [Young Environmentalist of the Year nominations page](#) or contact Joanna Wilson at 302-739-9902 or email joanna.wilson@delaware.gov.

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