

## **Madison County Resource Education Green Team of the Year Award, 2017-2018**

### **Eligibility**

- This award recognizes a school's "Green Team" (combination of administrators, principals, custodians, aides, staff members, students, and/or parents) that has demonstrated a commitment to organizing, managing, and leading conservation- and environmental education-related activities as part of the Madison County Resource Education Program.
- No winners from the past five years may be nominated.
- Self-nominations are accepted and encouraged.
- Entries must represent work completed during the 2017-18 school year.
- Ongoing projects and programs are eligible.
- This award category is for nomination of partners or a group. For individual nominations, please see "Coordinator of the Year Award" criteria.

### **Selection Procedure**

Applications will be reviewed by the Madison County Resource Education Coordinator to ensure all required documentation is present. Eligible applications will be judged by professionals in sustainability, education, and/or resource conservation fields. Judges will independently make their rankings based on a pre-determined rubric. The award will be given to the candidate who receives the highest number of total points.

### **Criteria for Judging**

Finalists are selected using the following criteria:

- Proven accomplishments and commitment to the Madison County Resource Education Program.
- Development of a school culture that promotes (but is not limited to) environmental education, conservation of resources and habitat, reduced energy expenditures, student experiences with and knowledge of the natural world, and general incorporation of sustainability-related practices into school routines and procedures.
- Demonstrates exceptional leadership qualities and provides positive examples for colleagues, staff, and students.
- Demonstrates personal commitment to environmentally conscientious principles.
- Demonstrates creativity and innovation in promoting student involvement in the school's green programs.
- Promotes community involvement in the school's green programs.
- Fosters cooperative relationships with colleagues and obtains their cooperation in the green activities at the school.

If submissions yield no entries deemed to address adequately the competition criteria, a prize will not be awarded. The decision of the judges is final and made at their sole and absolute discretion. Any person submitting the nomination on behalf of a company, firm, or organization represents and warrants that he/she has authority to enter the awards on the school's behalf and bind the school to the competition rules.