



Recycling Awards Nomination Form

Submission Deadline - 3:00pm, March 31, 2017

Each year the Colorado Association for Recycling seeks nominations for our annual Recycling Awards. These prestigious awards recognize governmental entities, individuals, companies, media and organizations for their excellence in recycling or promotion of recycling. The 2017 awards will be presented at the 28th annual CAFR Summit for Recycling conference in Fort Collins, Colorado, June 4-6. *Please inform your nominee to plan on being in Fort Collins on Monday, June 5th from 6:00pm to 8:30pm for the awards ceremony. Award recipients will be notified by May 5, 2017.*

Recycling Award Categories

Outstanding Media Coverage	This award will be given to an individual or media outlet that in the last year has worked to cover recycling stories and/or promote recycling programs in Colorado through community outreach. Who was the audience for the story and how was it distributed? What was the impact? Did the media coverage or program result in additional coverage throughout the year? A personal photo is required. A link to actual article or video clip should also be submitted.
Outstanding Elected Official	This will be given to an elected official at any governmental level whose actions in office have significantly contributed to recycling and reducing waste in Colorado during the past year. What did this individual accomplish that distinguishes them? A personal photo is required.
Outstanding Outreach – Educational Institution, Municipality or Nonprofit	This award will be given to an educational institution (college, university, public/private school, school district, etc.), municipal entity (city, county or state government) or nonprofit organization that influences recycling and waste reduction in tangible methods through creative outreach and educational campaigns. Awards may be given in multiple categories, i.e. rural verses urban, as needed. Two to three action photos are required.
Outstanding Business Recycling/Diversion Program	This will be given to a company or organization whose work and/or innovation has furthered and expanded recycling in Colorado. The business' primary function can be recycling, but this is not a requirement. Organics and electronics programs fall into this category. Two to three action photos are required.
Outstanding Government or Nonprofit Recycling / Diversion Program	This will be given to a public agency or nonprofit organization that leads by example, creating programs that effectively increase recycling and waste diversion. Organics and electronics programs fall into this category. Two to three action photos are required.
'Mereth Meade' Outstanding Volunteer Of the Year	This will be given to an individual whose volunteer actions have significantly contributed to recycling and reduced solid waste in Colorado during the past year. What did this individual accomplish that distinguishes them? Two to three action photos are required.
'Cara Russell' Rising Star	This award is given to a CAFR member that has demonstrated an eagerness to jump right into the world of recycling, with passion and enthusiasm. This person has been deemed to contribute a significant amount of his/her time, resources and dedication to the organization for the betterment of the world around them. A member is either a paying member, or employee or volunteer of a paying organization.
Recycler of the Year	This will be given to an individual whose actions have significantly furthered recycling and reduced solid waste in Colorado and the region during the past year. Please include what the individual accomplished that distinguishes them. Was the nominee's work above and beyond the normal scope of their duties? Two to three action photos are required.
Lifetime Achievement	This will be given to an individual whose actions have significantly furthered recycling and reduced solid waste in Colorado and the region during their lifetime. What did this individual accomplish that distinguishes them? Was the nominee's work above and beyond the normal scope of their duties? Two to three action photos are required.



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Please submit your nomination online at www.surveymonkey.com/r/2017recyclingawards and then send your two to three photos to amy@cafr.org by 3:00pm **Friday, March 31, 2017**. Be sure and choose the category that you think is the most applicable for your nominee. The Awards Committee reserves the right to move submissions to other categories and contact nominees for additional information.

Questions? *If you have questions or are unable to submit your nomination online, contact Janice Oldemeyer, Awards Committee Chairperson, at 970-797-2934.*

Nomination Information

During the online nomination process you will be asked to provide the following information.

1) Nominator Information

- a. Name, company, street address, city state and zip, e-mail address and phone number

2) Nominee Information

(Note: *It is perfectly acceptable and appropriate to nominate one's own organization or oneself.*)

- a. Name, company, street address, city state and zip, e-mail address and phone number
- b. Email and phone number for two individuals or organizations that are familiar with the nominee's work

3) Overview

- a. In 1,000 words or less please tell us about the nominee. The overview must include how the nominee and/or their program impacted the recycling industry, the environment and/or the community / state of Colorado. In addition to the information requested above in the awards category table, key items to include, *if applicable*, are:

- What is useful, unique, or noteworthy about this effort?
- What progress has been made and how was success demonstrated?
- Describe the outreach and/or educational efforts. Provide examples if possible.
- Describe the program's longevity / date started, target audience / users.
- Include the documented participation and recovery rates, quantity and types (in tons, volumes or percentages) of recycled materials reused, waste reduced or prevented, materials or toxins reduced.
- Describe any key lessons learned to share with others.
- Describe the aspects of originality, strategies or risks taken to overcome meeting the needs of your audience, addressing challenges and barriers, or filling gaps, including procurement efforts to "close the loop" if applicable.
- Describe the level of commitment from the individual or company, or the overall environmental benefit the individual or company has accomplished.

4) Photos

- a. After submitting your nomination, don't forget to send your photo(s) to amy@cafr.org.
Your nomination will not be complete until the photos are received.