



MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT'S ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE STUDENT AWARD PROGRAM

APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY: MAY 1, 2015 – POSTMARKS NOT ACCEPTED

The Maryland Department of the Environment's (MDE's) mission is to protect and restore the quality of Maryland's air, water and land resources, while fostering smart growth, a thriving and sustainable economy and healthy communities. The **Environmental Science Student Award Program** recognizes high school seniors that have excelled in environmental science programs. Students that have demonstrated extraordinary leadership and participation in environmental projects in school or the community such as recycling drives, school beautification projects, stream or litter cleanups and other types of environmental projects are encouraged to apply. The student receiving first honors will receive a paid summer internship with MDE. The two runners-up will receive a monetary award. All three students will all receive a plaque acknowledging their achievement.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION:

- Applicant must be a 12th grade student enrolled in a Maryland high school;
- Applicant must have maintained a GPA of 3.0 during the 12th grade school year;
- Applicant must have participated in at least one environmental project at school or in their community; and
- Applicant must be accepted into a two-or-four year college for the upcoming school year.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

1. Applicant must complete the MDE Environmental Science Student Award application form.
2. Applicant must provide a copy of the 12th grade Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 report card or transcript.
3. Applicant must provide two recommendation letters from a teacher or advisor that reflects demonstrated leadership and achievements accomplished as a student in the environmental science program. One of the recommendation letters must be from a teacher in the school's Science Department.
4. Applicant must provide a minimum 200-word essay regarding an environmental project that he/she participated in or developed.
5. Applicant must submit a copy of college acceptance letter from a two or four year college.
6. All materials must be submitted by **May 1** to be considered (**submission postmarked May 1 will NOT be accepted**).

Please note: Application materials will NOT be returned.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Closing date for the application and supporting documents is May 1 -- submission postmarked May 1 will NOT be accepted.

NOTE: If all materials are not submitted by the **May 1** closing date, the application will be automatically disqualified. Only when the Award deadline falls on a weekend, will the application packets be accepted by 5:00 p.m., the next business day.

ABOUT THE AWARD:

The Environmental Science Student Award and Internship honors Maryland high school seniors who have made a positive and significant contribution to Maryland's environment. The structure of the three awards is as follows:

First Honors:

Student will receive a paid internship at MDE beginning June 10, 2015 and an Environmental Science Student Award plaque.

Second Honors:

Student will receive \$500 courtesy of MDE and an Environmental Science Student Award plaque.

Honorable Mention:

Student will receive \$250 courtesy of MDE and an Environmental Science Student Award plaque.

AWARD NOTIFICATION:

- Winners will be announced by email and notified via U.S. Postal Service.
- Presentation of awards to be announced.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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