



THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

TEChE AWARD

GUIDELINES 2019

The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) honors exceptional or unique programs and activities that use technology to go beyond traditional environment control measures through the Arkansas Environmental Technology (TEChE) Award. The award recognizes the use of new developments in technology or the innovative use of technology to protect our resources and improve the environment. An example is the implementation of a project using a new type of technology to achieve reductions in power consumption, solid waste, air emissions, the use of resources, or discharges to water.

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Read ALL the information in this application.
2. Email your application, application essay, and supporting materials as attachments no later than March 15, 2019, to:
awards@adeq.state.ar.us
3. Applications will be reviewed by a panel of judges appointed by the ADEQ director.
4. Finalists will be contacted prior to the ADEQ Environmental Awards Ceremony.
5. The winner will be announced during a ceremony in the spring of 2019 at the Arkansas State Capitol.

CONTACT INFORMATION

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

Name of company/association/organization:

Type of organization:

Government

Business

Nonprofit

Applications will be judged against other entries in the same organizational category, and a finalist will be picked from each category. ADEQ reserves the right to consider submissions for the ENVY, TEChE, or E² Award.

Title and name of person preparing application:

Street address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Phone:

Fax:

Email:

You must include your email address to receive confirmation of your application submission. If you do not receive confirmation, it may not have been submitted properly.

ADEQ employees and their children are not eligible for awards.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Please detail your application in a one to five page essay. Include supporting information that you think will be helpful in evaluating your program/project, including charts and graphs, photos, brochures, presentations, letters, etc. Include date(s) of implementation, why the project was undertaken, and how it differs from past practices.

All applications (not including supporting material) must include a minimum of one and a maximum of five typed, 12-point font, single-spaced pages. Supporting material must be submitted at the same time as the application by attaching it to the email.

Detail the success or benefits of your program/project in essay form using the following criteria:

- **Recognition:** Explain why this project deserves recognition. Describe the project's purpose, goals, history, and accomplishments to date. **10 points**
- **Benefits:** Explain the benefits derived from the program/project. Benefits could include economic (cost savings, reduced product cost, lowered permit fees), environmental (decreased emissions, waste minimization), transparency (improved community relations, increased awareness of environmental issues), and/or better service to customers or the public. **20 points**
- **Sustainability:** Discuss how this program/project supports or provides sustainable benefits to the environment. Present specific measurable results (amount of emissions reduced, decreased waste disposal, increased outreach, energy savings, pounds of waste recycled, etc.). Please include both quantity (tons per year, number of people reached, dollars saved) and percent reduction or improvement, if applicable. **20 points**
- **Modernization/Beyond Compliance:** Explain how this program/project modernizes and/or goes beyond traditional environmental efforts. Identify practices that are environmentally sound, economically feasible, and that provide future environmental benefits. What makes your program/project different from what others in your industry, business, or community are doing? **20 points**
- **Collaboration:** Describe the practices that support or demonstrate participation and partnerships working together to develop or use technology to achieve or improve results. This participation can include employees, other companies, vendors, organizations, schools, etc. **10 points**

- **Impact:** Provide details on the impact of your program/project on your business, the local environment, and/or overall quality of life. **10 points**
- **Adaptability:** Tell how this project might be transferred or implemented by other businesses or organizations. Provide examples of how your business or organization shares (or will share) its information with others. **10 points**

SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS MARCH 15, 2019

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