



U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY OZONE LAYER PROTECTION AWARDS

INTRODUCTION

The Stratospheric Protection Division of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) invites nominations for the Ozone Layer Protection Awards. This award program was established in 1990 to recognize outstanding contributions to the protection of the Earth's stratospheric ozone layer.

BACKGROUND & ORGANIZATION

Since then, over 500 awards have been presented to outstanding individuals, dedicated companies, forward-thinking organizations and teams, and visionary government institutions from 49 countries. Awards are particularly prestigious because nominees compete globally against the accomplishments of many other potential winners, and winners are selected by previous winners.

Once again, EPA seeks nominations for outstanding leadership, innovation, personal dedication or technical achievements in protecting the Earth's stratospheric ozone layer or fostering public awareness about the health impacts of UV radiation. Winners are leading by example. Their demonstrated commitment and extraordinary contributions inspire other individuals and organizations to make a difference in protecting the environment and public health. Their significant contributions help mitigate the health and environmental risks of ozone depletion, including skin cancer, suppression of the immune system, cataracts, and damage to marine life and crops.

AWARDS PANEL & SELECTION OF WINNERS

EPA's Stratospheric Ozone Protection Program will assemble an international panel of judges. With the advice of this panel, the U.S. EPA will make the final selections. The judges represent government, industry, and non-governmental organizations.

INSTRUCTIONS

All applications must include an official cover letter from the nominator, a completed application form, and a one-page summary of accomplishments. Electronic submissions are preferred. Because the judges will not be able to conduct on-site visits, applicants are encouraged to submit supporting materials such as photographs, videos, technical descriptions, news clippings, and press releases. Please note that all submissions are final, and the application and supporting materials will not be returned.

Applications must be mailed, faxed or e-mailed no later than December 31st.

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QUESTIONS?

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U.S. EPA OZONE LAYER PROTECTION AWARD APPLICATION

AWARD CATEGORY			
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	<input type="checkbox"/> Organization/Association/Group	<input type="checkbox"/> Corporate/Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Team
Title of project or activity (if applicable)			
Approximate date project began (if applicable)			
Project status: (if applicable)		<input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete

INFORMATION ABOUT THE NOMINEE		
Name of award nominee (primary contact; include other names and info as well)		
Address <i>(if company or organization, use headquarters address)</i>		
City	State/ Province	ZIP/Postal Code
Country		
Phone	E-mail	
Contact (if nominee is an organization)		
Contact phone	Contact e-mail	

INFORMATION ABOUT NOMINATOR		
Nominated by:	Affiliation	
Address		
City	State/ Province	ZIP/Postal Code
Country		
Phone	E-mail	

REFERENCES	
<i>Please identify two independent experts who can verify the accomplishment(s) of the person or organization nominated for the award.</i>	
Name	Affiliation
E-mail	Phone
Address	
Name	Affiliation
E-mail	Phone
Address	

SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Please summarize the nominee's accomplishment in the space below, or attach a one-page summary (limit: 600 words).

SIGNATURE OF NOMINATOR

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature

Date

Please note- no signature necessary if form sent electronically from nominator's e-mail account.



ELIGIBILITY

Candidates may be from anywhere in the world.
Individuals and organizations may work for the public or private sector.
Candidates may be either self-nominated or nominated by a third party.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications should include a standard application form, a cover letter from the nominating individual/organization, a one page summary of the candidate's accomplishment, and supporting materials.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Winners must demonstrate one or more of the following criteria: originality and public purpose; leadership and corporate responsibility; global perspective and implication; leadership in education about UV overexposure; and actual elimination of ozone-depleting substance emissions. Actual (as opposed to anticipated) results/reductions are preferred.

JUDGING PROCESS

Applications will be screened by a panel of judges selected for their expertise. Past award winners also serve on the judging panel. The U.S. EPA makes the final selection of award winners.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Winners will be announced at the annual Ozone Layer Protection Awards Ceremony in Washington, D.C. The ceremony usually takes place on or around Earth Day.

RECIPIENT BENEFITS

Past winners of EPA's Ozone Layer Protection Award have noted their appreciation of the benefits that accompany this award. Those selected can expect to enjoy: the honor of winning this prestigious, international environmental award; increased name recognition; improved employee morale; and personal satisfaction and affirmation of having made a real difference.