**2024 Pennsylvania Recycling Stewardship Award**

**APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

1. **AWARD Information**

The Pennsylvania Recycling Stewardship Award is awarded yearly in honor of one of the country's truest, innovative leaders in environmental awareness and recycled products.  Beginning with Weisenbach Recycled Products, which Dan began with his parents in 1981 at the ripe age of 19, he was a tireless leader not only in Pennsylvania and Ohio, but all over the country.  His commitment to recycling, ready laugh and sense of wonder were admired by all.

1. **Get Recognized, Get Inspired!**

Become a part of an elite, statewide network of trendsetters in the fields of recycling, composting and sustainability! {The 2024 Award Winner will be celebrated during the PROP 2024 Conference in Bethlehem PA.}

Benefits of receiving an award include visibility as a sector leader and furthering PROP’S mission through education, networking, and marketing opportunities. For additional information, contact [prop@proprecycles.org](mailto:prop@proprecycles.org) or 717-441-6049.

The winner will be featured in the conference booklet and on the PROP website and will be given a press release suitable for placement in their local community and various industry publications.

1. **SUCCESSFUL AWARDS**

Award-winning projects or initiatives can include but are not limited to:

* **Implementing** innovative approaches and technologies
* **Advancing** sustainable practices and generating economic growth
* **Harnessing** the power of unique partnerships
* **Achieving** extraordinary outcomes
* **Establishing** effective residential or business education
* **Display** exceptional leadership
* **Inspiring** others to undertake like-minded projects

**Award Examples (applications can fit into these areas, but do not need to)**

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| **Outstanding Media Coverage** | An individual or media outlet that has worked to cover recycling stories and/or promote recycling programs 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 and a link to actual article or video clip should also be submitted. |
| **Outstanding Legislative Leadership** | An elected official at any governmental level whose actions in office have significantly contributed to recycling and reducing waste. What did this individual accomplish that distinguishes them? A personal photo and a link to any articles or video clip would be helpful. |
| **Outstanding Outreach – Educational Institution** | An educational institution (college, university, public/private school, school district, PTA, etc.) that maximizes their educational and outreach opportunities to influence recycling and waste reduction. Photos, articles, educational examples would be helpful. |
| **Outstanding Outreach –Municipality (City, County, or State) or Nonprofit** | A municipal entity (city, county or state government) or non-profit organization that influences recycling and waste reduction in tangible methods through creative outreach and educational campaigns. |
| **Outstanding Business Recycling/Diversion Program** | A company or organization whose work and/or innovation has furthered and expanded recycling. The business’ primary function might be recycling, organics and electronics programs. |
| **Outstanding Government or Nonprofit Recycling /Diversion Program** | A public agency or nonprofit organization that leads by example, creating programs that effectively increase recycling and waste diversion. Organics and electronics programs would qualify. |
| **Special or Unique Achievement** | This encompasses a broad spectrum of areas and includes such person(s) or entities who have created an enduring legacy through their inspirational leadership, exceptional volunteerism, innovative practices, public/private partnerships, core values, and significant contributions. Include what this individual or entity did that distinguishes them and why it was above and beyond the normal scope of their duties. Include any supporting documentation or pictures that would demonstrate the special or unique aspects of the achievement. |

1. **Applicant Information**

* [Download the application here](https://prop.memberclicks.net/assets/docs/Awards/2024/2024%20PA%20Recycling%20Stewardship%20Award%20Application.docx).
* During the application process you will be asked to provide the following information.
* Applicant Information: Name, company, street address, city, state, and zip, e-mail address and phone number.

1. **APPLICATION SUBMISSION**

Please submit your application by email as follows:

* Fill in the application, save it and send a copy to: [prop@proprecycles.org](mailto:prop@proprecycles.org)
* Please make sure you put “2024 PA Recycling Stewardship Award” in the subject line of the email.
* You will receive an email confirmation within 3 business days when we receive your application.

1. **PHOTOS**

Keep in mind that educational materials, outreach, charts, graphics or photos help tell your story! Remember to attach them to your email submission.

1. **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION**

All applications and accompanying documentation and photos must be received by the PROP no later than **May 31, 2024**.

1. **QUESTIONS?**

If you have questions or are unable to submit your nomination email, please send an email to the [prop@proprecycles.org](mailto:prop@proprecycles.org) or call the PROP office at 717-441-6049.

1. **WINNER ANNOUNCED**

The 2024 Award Winner will be notified on or about June 21, 2024 and will be celebrated during the PROP Conference at the Wind Creek in Bethlehem PA during the Thursday July 25th Awards Banquet at 6:00 pm.

**The Pennsylvania Recycling Stewardship Award**

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