



MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT'S ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE STUDENT AWARD & INTERNSHIP

APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY: APRIL 3, 2017

POSTMARKS NOT ACCEPTED

The Maryland Department of the Environment's (MDE's) mission is to protect and restore the environment for the health and well-being of all Marylanders. The **Environmental Science Student Award Program** recognizes high school **juniors and 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 certificate acknowledging their achievement.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION:

- Applicant must be an 11th or 12th grade student enrolled in a Maryland high school;
- Applicant must have maintained a GPA of 3.0;
- Applicant must have participated in at least one environmental project at school or in their community; and

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

1. Applicant must complete the MDE Environmental Science Student Award application form.
2. Applicant must provide a copy of 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. All materials must be submitted by **April 3rd** to be considered (**submission postmarked April 3 will NOT be accepted**).

Please note: Application materials will NOT be returned.

FOR BEST CONSIDERATION: Please include supporting documents along with the application; e.g. press clippings, letter of recognition, photographs, a short video about the project, and samples of documents produced or other background documentation. Supporting documents can be mailed, uploaded through Google Drive or Dropbox, or submitted via email along with the application. (Please note: MDE can only accept up to 8 MB per email.)

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

The application and supporting documents must be submitted to MDE by **April 3rd**. Any applications and supporting documents submission postmarked **April 3rd** will NOT be accepted.

NOTE: If all materials are not submitted by the **April 3rd** 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 (valued at \$3,000) beginning June 2017 and an Environmental Science Student Award certificate.

Second Honors:

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

Honorable Mention:

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

AWARD NOTIFICATION:

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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