

***NOMINATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR THE***  
**40<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TAWES AWARD FOR A CLEAN ENVIRONMENT *AND***  
**JAMES B. COULTER GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE AWARD**

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The Maryland Department of the Environment and Maryland Petroleum Council are now accepting applications for the **40<sup>th</sup> Annual Tawes Award for a Clean Environment**. The Award recognizes individuals, civic, community, or non-profit entities that have demonstrated outstanding efforts to enhance Maryland's environment. Nominations are open in youth, adult, and government employee categories.

Applications are also being accepted for the **James B. Coulter Government Employee Award**. This award recognizes a government employee who goes above and beyond their duties in an effort to improve Maryland's environment.

**SCOPE OF THE AWARDS:** Potential nominations include community clean-ups, school ecology or beautification projects, recycling, prevention and control of hazardous materials, waste reduction, or other innovative environmental enhancement ideas or projects.

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:** This recognition is open to individuals, civic, community, non-profit or business entities that have demonstrated outstanding efforts to enhance Maryland's environment - either for a single project or over a period of time.

**AWARDS:** Winners and their guests will be honored at an evening awards banquet. Awards will be presented in the following categories:

1. Youth (under the age of 18)
2. Adult or Organization
3. Government Employee (Coulter Award)

**NOMINATIONS OPEN!**

**DUE DATE: APRIL 11, 2017**

**NOMINATION FORM INFORMATION:** The nomination should describe in detail the reasons for the nomination of an individual or organization and the results achieved. Please include materials supporting the nomination; e.g. press clippings, letter of recognition, photographs, samples of documents produced, or other background documentation. Information may be mailed or submitted via email. (See next page for additional details.) Please limit information submitted to five attachments. (Please note: MDE can only accept up to 8 MB per email.)

**DEADLINE:** Early submission is encouraged. **The deadline is April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017.** Awards will be presented in May. For additional information contact the Maryland Petroleum Council (410) 269-1850 or the MDE Office of Communications at (410) 537-3003.

**BACKGROUND: The Tawes Award**, now celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> year of recognizing outstanding efforts to enhance Maryland's environment, is named after the late Governor J. Millard Tawes (1959-1967), the first secretary of the Department of Natural Resources.

**The James B. Coulter Award**, which recognizes the environmental contributions of government employees, was created in 2005 to honor the former Secretary of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, James B. Coulter.



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**NOMINATION FORM**

**2017 ANNUAL TAWES AWARD FOR A CLEAN ENVIRONMENT  
OR  
THE JAMES B. COULTER AWARD (GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE)**

**NAME OF  
NOMINEE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**THIS NOMINATION IS FOR (CHECK ONE):**

**Tawes Adult Award** \_\_\_\_\_ **Tawes Youth Award** \_\_\_\_\_ **Coulter Award** \_\_\_\_\_

**HOME  
ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **TELEPHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ORGANIZATION or SCHOOL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **FAX:** \_\_\_\_\_ **EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NOMINATED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **FAX:** \_\_\_\_\_ **EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please explain in **specific detail** your reasons for making this nomination. Applicants should include additional documentation including press clippings, photos, sample documents, etc. Please note: MDE can only accept up to 8 MB per email.

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**Return to:**

Submit your nomination via email to: [tawes.award@maryland.gov](mailto:tawes.award@maryland.gov) or by mail to

Maryland Department of the Environment, Office of Communications, 1800 Washington Boulevard, 7<sup>th</sup> floor,  
Baltimore MD 21230, Attention: Adrienne Diaczok - Tawes Award