# General Blurb 1

**TCEQ Now Accepting Applications for the 2017 Texas Environmental Excellence Awards**

The Texas Environmental Excellence Awards (TEEA) honor achievements in environmental preservation and protection. As the state's highest environmental honor, the Office of the Governor and commissioners from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality recognize outstanding projects from nine diverse categories:

* Agriculture
* Civic/Community
* Education
* Individual
* Innovative Operations/Management
* Pollution Prevention
* Technical/Technology
* Water Conservation
* Youth

You can apply online at [teea.org/apply](http://www.teea.org/apply/); this page also contains helpful information on how to write an effective application. If you would like an example of a winning application, send your request to [awards@tceq.texas.gov](mailto:awards@tceq.texas.gov) and include one (or more) or the award categories. The last day you can submit is September 30, 2016.

A banquet will be held for the winners on May 17, 2017 which will feature videos of their environmental projects. You can view this year’s videos online at [teea.org/](http://www.teea.org/texas-am-agrilife-research)[category](http://www.teea.org/category/2016-winners/)/2016-winners and see pictures from the banquet on [TEEA’s Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/txenvironmentalexcellence/).

# General Blurb 2

Each year, the Governor’s Office and commissioners from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality honor the state’s most outstanding environmental projects through the Texas Environmental Excellence Awards. Winners from across the state are chosen who represent ways Texans set the standard for ensuring clean air, clean water, and the safe management of waste. **Share Your Story** by applying in one of the following categories:

* Agriculture
* Civic/Community
* Education
* Individual
* Pollution Prevention
* Innovative Operations/Management
* Technical/Technology
* Water Conservation
* Youth

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# Share Your Story Blurb

We know in Texas that people, organizations, and businesses are doing great things across the state to preserve and protect our natural resources and we invite you to **share your story**!

Applications for the Texas Environmental Excellence Awards (TEEA), the state’s highest environmental honor, are now being accepted. **Deadline to apply is September 30, 2016**.

What should you do?

* Listen to past winners tell you [how it feels to win a Texas Environmental Excellence Award](http://www.teea.org/).
* Follow TEEA on [Facebook](http://www.facebook.com/txenvironmentalexcellence) and [Instagram](http://www.instagram.com/txenvironmentalexcellence) for winner highlights and tips for completing the application.
* **APPLY TODAY**! Share your story of the excellent work done by your company or organization (or nominate another) in one of our nine application categories. The primary requirement – the project or work occurred within the state! Visit [teea.org/apply](http://www.teea.org/apply) to download an application or submit one online.