***COLORADO ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS***

***2021 AWARDS CATEGORIES AND TIMELINES***

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| ***Award*** | ***Due Date*** | ***Comments*** |
| ***CONSERVATION EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR*** *Nominated by Conservation Districts to watersheds for vote.*  *Open to all educators, teachers, or non-teachers.*  ***Watershed winners submitted to CACD by nominating Districts*** | ***October 1st*** | ***Educator’s Background &***  ***Accomplishments*** |
| ***CONSERVATION DISTRICT OF THE YEAR*** *Nominated by Conservation Districts to watersheds for vote.*  *Application to indicate why the best district.*  ***Watershed winners submitted to CACD by nominating Districts*** | ***October 1st*** | ***District’s Accomplishments*** |
| ***CONSERVATION DISTRICT EDUCATION***  ***PROGRAM OF THE YEAR*** *Nominated by Conservation Districts to watersheds for vote.*  ***Watershed winners submitted to CACD by nominating Districts*** | ***October 1st*** | ***Ed Program Background***  ***& Accomplishments*** |
| ***CONSERVATION POSTER CONTEST~***  ***2021 Poster Theme:***  ***“Healthy Forests, Healthy Communities”***  *CD State Entries Judged at CACD Annual Meeting by*  *General Membership and AM Attendees. CD is responsible to get the nominated posters to the CACD Annual Meeting.* | ***November 16th***  *By 8:00 AM*  *@ the CACD Annual Meeting* | ***CACD submits poster contest winners (1st, 2nd, 3rd) to NACD by December 1st. Must have parent’s signed permission to compete at National level.*** |
| ***CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR~***  *Nominated to CACD by each Watershed; Conservation Districts are responsible for submitting nominations at watershed meetings. Each watershed then may nominate l MembershipYEAR" up to one*  *in each of the four categories:*  ***Farmer, Rancher, Forestry/Mining, and***  ***Outstanding Small Acreage ~ Under 100 Acres***  ***Watershed winners submitted to CACD by nominating Districts*** | ***October 1st*** | ***Farmer:***  ***Rancher:***  ***Small Acreage:***  ***Forestry/Mining:*** |
| ***SHERMAN BLACH MEMORIAL PHOTO CONTEST***  *Judged at Annual Meeting in 4 Categories:*     * *Conservation Practices* * *Close Up Conservation* * *Conservation in Action* * *Ag/Conservation Across America*   ***Districts to submit nominations directly to CACD*** | ***October 1st*** | ***CACD Awards Committee submits photo contest winners to NACD by December 1st.*** |
| ***OUTSTANDING SUPERVISOR AWARD***  ***\*Nominations submitted by Districts directly to CACD.*** | ***October 1st*** | ***Background & accomplishments of Supervisor*** |
| ***OUTSTANDING LEGISLATOR AWARD***  *(Senator and Representative Awards)*  *Nominations made by CACD Lobbyist and awarded by*  *CACD Legislative Committee.* | ***October 1st*** | ***House of Representatives:***  ***Senate:*** |
| ***CONSERVATION HALL OF FAME AWARD***  *Founded in honor of Gerald Mathes; ballot process by CACD and CSCB for service in Conservation in Colorado.*  *(Nominees may be deceased or living.)*  *Inductee nominations from Districts submitted directly to*  *CACD Awards Committee.*  ***\*Supervisors not eligible if they have already won***  ***this award in the past.*** | ***October 1st*** | ***CACD Hall of Fame Award:***  ***Nominee’s background and accomplishments.*** |
| ***OUTSTANDING DISTRICT EMPLOYEE*** *Nominations by Districts submitted directly to the*  ***CO Employee’s Association.*** | ***October 1st*** | ***Recognition by CCDEA*** |
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*Soil and Water Conservation Society Awards (SWCS) and NRCS Earth Team Awards are presented during the CACD Annual Meeting Awards Ceremony Luncheon;*

*Nominations and Award Selections for SWCS and NRCS awards handled by SWCS and NRCS.*

***CACD is not involved in the nomination/selection process.***

***NOMINEES SUBMITTED TO CACD ARE NOT ELIGIBLE IF THEY HAVE WON THE AWARD***

***IN THE LAST THREE YEARS***

***Award Nominations to CACD to be submitted to CACD via email:***

*Attn: ED, Bobbi Ketels –* ***bobbi@coloradoacd.org***

***Nominations for Employee of the Year to be submitted directly to:***

*CO Conservation District Employees Association (CCDEA)*

*c/o Andrea Richardson – Agate Conservation District*

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