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Subject: President's Environmental Youth Award

Amy,
I hope all is well. I wanted to make you aware of the President's Environmental Youth Award (PEYA) program. PEYA recognizes outstanding environmental projects by K-12 youth. The PEYA program promotes awareness of our nation's natural resources and encourages positive community involvement. Since 1971, the President of the United States has joined with EPA to recognize young people for protecting our nation's air, water, land, and ecology. It is one of the most important ways EPA and the Administration demonstrate commitment to environmental stewardship efforts created and conducted by our nation's youth.
Each year the PEYA program honors a wide variety of projects developed by young individuals, school classes (kindergarten through high school), summer camps, public interest groups, and youth organizations to promote environmental awareness. Thousands of young people from all 50 states and the U.S. territories have submitted projects to EPA for consideration. Winning projects in the past have covered a wide range of subject areas, including:

- restoring native habitats
- recycling in schools and communities
- construction of nature preserves
- tree planting
- installing renewable energy projects
- creating videos, skits and newsletters that focused on environmental issues
- participating in many other creative sustainability efforts

There is a regional awardee for grades K-5, and a regional award for grades 6-12. Each winning project will receive a Presidential plaque. All qualified applicants will receive recognition from EPA leadership honoring them for their efforts to protect human health and the environment. All award recipients will also be recognized at EPA's Washington D.C. Headquarters and at the White House as well.

EPA in the past has not done a very good job in reaching out to the agricultural community to make them aware of this award and encourage applicants. Your members and their employees very well could have an outstanding applicant that has a winning project in the area of sustainability, carbon sequestration, water conservation, etc. I am hopeful that I will be able to recommend project applicants from the agricultural community for this award. Toward this end I am hopeful that you will help me spread the word and advise all of your members.

For additional information please feel free to contact me or Eric Canteenwala who is Region 9's coordinator for this program. His email is canteenwala.eric@epa.gov and his phone number is 415-972-3932.

I have also attached below a recent EPA Press Release regarding this program.

Best regards,
Mike Stoker

Regional Administrator, Region 9, US-EPA
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2018 PEYA Application Period
Applications Now Being Accepted for K-12 Student Awards

WASHINGTON (November 7, 2018) — Applications are now being accepted for the 2018 President's Environmental Youth Award (PEYA).

The PEYA program recognizes outstanding environmental stewardship projects by K-12 youth, promoting awareness of our nation's natural resources and encouraging positive community involvement. The PEYA program celebrates student leadership in service projects to protect the environment and keep our global community healthy. Winners of this year's awards will be invited to a ceremony in Washington, D.C. in mid-2019, and have their project mentioned on EPA's website.

EPA will select up to two winners in each of EPA's 10 Regions – one regional winner for Grades K-5 and one regional winner for Grades 6-12.

All student projects must be sponsored by at least one adult over the age of 21. The application and eligibility information are available at: https://www.epa.gov/education/presidents-environmental-youth-award.

Applications are due February 1, 2019.

PEYA is an annual award administered by the Office of Environmental Education at EPA. Since 1971, EPA has recognized young people for protecting our nation's air, water, land, and ecology. Each year the PEYA program honors a wide variety of projects developed by young individuals, school classes (kindergarten through high school), summer camps, public interest groups, and youth organizations to promote environmental awareness. Through environmental education and stewardship activities, students develop the critical thinking skills experience to make informed decisions and take responsible actions to address difficult environmental issues.

For more information, please contact PEYA@epa.gov.

For information on recent winners, visit: https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-honors-award-winning-environmental-education-teachers-and-students

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