Deadline for submitting application is May 12, 2017
The Arkansas Recycling Coalition (ARC) unites companies, government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and individuals in a common effort to promote Reduce, Reuse, Repurpose and Recycle as the primary means of Sustainable Materials Management in Arkansas. Comprised of over 250 members, ARC fosters a sharing of ideas by providing its members with opportunities to further their knowledge, increase their industry awareness and network with other like-minded leaders from across the nation. With this mission, ARC strives to increase the effectiveness of resource recovery in Arkansas.

ARC’s Annual Awards Program recognizes individuals, organizations and industry leaders who have made a significant contribution to the advancement of waste reduction, recycling, and sustainable materials management in Arkansas over the past year. This year, the 2017 ARC Annual Awards Program will be held in conjunction with the ARC Annual Conference & Trade show scheduled September 18-20 at the Best Western Inn of the Ozarks, in Eureka Springs, Arkansas. Announcement and presentation of the ARC awards will be made at a special ARC Awards Luncheon to be held during the conference on September 19.

Recipients, in addition to receiving recognition at the Awards Luncheon, can request assistance in obtaining media coverage in their local communities. If requested, an ARC representative will be available to participate in a re-presentation of the award at a location and to the group determined by the award recipient. Photos taken during the presentation and a Press Release will be sent electronically to the Recipient.

The ARC’s Annual Awards Program is open to both members and non-members. If you applied in a previous year and did not receive an award, you may reapply in the same or a different category. However, recipients of any ARC Award within the previous three years are NOT eligible to apply.
Annual Awards

**Corporate Recycler of the Year Award**

The Corporate Recycler of the Year Award recognizes a business or organization who has implemented a culture of effective sustainable materials management in its corporate affairs, operations, procurement practices, and downstream waste management methods. Judges will be looking for applicants whose culture includes implementation of an integrated materials management program that incorporates an ongoing, comprehensive employee education program, adopted administrative policies that demonstrates its commitment to sustainable materials management and continuous improvements in sustainability; demonstrates a long-term commitment to fund the program; adopted waste conscious procurement policies for materials and supplies; works upstream with its suppliers to reduce waste and wasteful practices; facilitates a willingness to share information and encourage other businesses, suppliers and the public to implement waste reduction/recycling program. This award will not be given to a business that relies on recycling as its primary means of income.

**Government Recycler of the Year Award**

The Government Recycler of the Year Award recognizes a public employee, public agency, public institution or nonprofit organization that has taken a leadership role in the development and promotion of recycling as a viable waste management tool. Judges will be looking for a candidate who has implemented a successful Integrated Waste Reduction Program incorporating source reduction, beneficial reuse, recycling and sustainable materials management; utilizes a comprehensive publicity/education program targeting residential and/or commercial sources within that community; has developed/implemented waste conscious procurement policies; purchase recycled/recyclable products for use in their administrative offices and/or operations; pursues an ongoing marketing plan which continually considers the highest/best use for each waste stream; and a program that continually seeks innovative approaches to further expand waste reduction programs within the community.

**Recycling Education Program of the Year Award**

The Recycling Education Program of the Year Award is presented to the organization, school or individual that has established a proven Recycling Education Program, which offers an integrated approach incorporating source reduction, beneficial reuse, recycling, and sustainable materials management into a comprehensive educational program within a community or region. To further this cause, the ideal education program will include a comprehensive publicity/education curriculum targeting all age groups (including weekend or nontraditional work hours); will have recognized program success within the community or region by demonstrating positive long-term behavioral changes.

**School/College/University Recycler of the Year Award**

The School/College/University Recycler of the Year Award will be given to an outstanding school, college or university that demonstrates a long-term commitment to waste reduction, recycling and sustainable material management both in the classroom and as a means to manage the school's solid waste stream. Judges will be looking for applicants whose efforts include implementation of an Integrated Waste Reduction Program; a long-term commitment to fund that program; utilizes waste conscious procurement policies which include the purchase of recycled-content/recyclable products; implementation of a comprehensive education program to instruct students, facility, and staff about waste reduction and recycling efforts; an ongoing volunteer recruitment and retention plan; and student's enthusiasm and ownership of the program.
There are two methods to apply and/or nominate an individual or organization:

1. **Online** - The preferred method for transmitting your Awards Application Form is by applying online at the ARC website: www.recycleark.org (All videos and photos must be uploaded and attached to your application form).

2. **Video** - Submit your Awards Application on video – DVD format. Be sure to include each of the required award criteria as indicated on the Application Form.

**Should you not have the means to file the application electronically, please contact the ARC office for assistance.**

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2017 Awards Application Form

Select the appropriate award category for your entry

- Individual Recycler of the Year Award
- Community Involvement Award
- Corporate Recycler of the Year Award
- Government Recycler of the Year Award
- Recycling Education Program of the Year Award
- School/College/University Recycler of the Year Award

Contact information for the organization being nominated

Name ___________________________________________________________________________________________________
Organization Name __________________________________________________________________________________________
Department ________________________________________________________________________________________________
Mailing Address _____________________________________________________________________________________________
City / State / Zip ____________________________________________________________________________________________
Telephone / Email ___________________________________________________________________________________________
Name as it should appear on the award _________________________________________________________________________

Contact information for the person or organization making the nomination if different from above

Name ___________________________________________________________________________________________________
Organization Name __________________________________________________________________________________________
Telephone / Email ___________________________________________________________________________________________