

2007 Outstanding Chapter Award Form

Chapter:

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The Outstanding Chapter Award recognizes one chapter from each region for its success in carrying out its overall program during the past year. The "**Outstanding Chapter**" award nominations are judged by the following criteria:

1. Benchmarks:
 - A. Chapter's use of a chapter work plan and/or chapter strategic plan
 - B. Keeping members informed
 - C. Technical/professional workshops for education/information
 - D. Membership participation and recognition efforts
 - E. Chapter involvement in chapter development workshops
2. Chapter Activities: How did the chapter make use of the following activities to promote SWCS and its members?
 - A. Fundraising activities
 - B. Legislative issues
 - C. Environmental education projects
 - D. Community Service
 - E. Media Outreach
 - F. Partnerships
 - G. Scholarships
3. In the event of a tie, the following areas are used:
 - A. Chapter communication with Regional Reps/Ankeny
 - B. Contacting delinquent and new members
 - C. Promoting recruitment and growth in the chapter
 - D. Promoting diversity in membership.

Benchmarks:

Did the chapter develop a strategic plan or review its old plan to provide continuity and achievement of long-term goals?	Yes		No	
Did the chapter adopt an annual work plan that identifies key activities and events for the year, such as selection of officers, committees and task force appointments, meetings and workshops, membership drives, and award programs?	Yes		No	
Did the chapter distribute newsletters last year to keep members informed?	Yes		No	
How many newsletters were issued last year?				
How many technical/social/professional meetings did the chapter hold?				
How many chapter members took part in these meetings?				
How many non-chapter members took part in these meetings?				
Did the chapter conduct an annual membership program to promote recruitment and growth?	Yes		No	
How many regular members did the chapter have at the start of the year?				
How many regular members did the chapter have at the end of the year?				
Does the chapter recognize new members via the chapter newsletter and/or at chapter meetings?	Yes		No	
Does the chapter recognize its top new member recruiter?	Yes		No	

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Did the chapter recognize the efforts of members, cooperating organizations and individuals through an annual awards program?	Yes		No	
Does the chapter have term limits for chapter leaders to provide adequate opportunities for progression of elected officials while maintaining continuity from one year to the next?	Yes		No	
Has the chapter developed written materials for officers to inform them of their duties and responsibilities (i.e., Officer's Manual)?	Yes		No	
Does the chapter encourage and assist chapter leader attendance at regional chapter development workshops?	Yes		No	
How many chapter leaders attended the regional chapter development workshop?				
Does the chapter encourage and assist the incoming chapter president's attendance at the Leadership Development Workshop at the SWCS annual conference?	Yes		No	
How many chapter officers attended last year's annual conference?				
Does the chapter have a representative to all student chapters within their chapter area?	Yes		No	
Has the chapter done any of the following during the past year?				
• Developed a position statement	Yes		No	
• Participated in a coalition	Yes		No	
• Communicated with state/provincial officials	Yes		No	
• Fundraising	Yes		No	
Did the chapter conduct or participate in any of the following:				
• Environmental Education projects?	Yes		No	
• Teacher education?	Yes		No	
• Science Fairs?	Yes		No	
• Envirothon?	Yes		No	
• Other (List):				
Was the chapter involved in community service activities? (i.e., clean up projects, planting projects, disaster relief, etc.)	Yes		No	
Did the chapter have any of the following media activities?				
• Initiate contacts with local media?	Yes		No	
• Issue press releases?	Yes		No	
• Obtain media coverage at chapter events?	Yes		No	
6. Did the chapter share partnerships, joint conservation projects, educational programs or seminars or communication with other agencies, societies, environmental groups, student chapters, etc.?	Yes		No	
7. Did the chapter work with state/provincial legislators on any activities?	Yes		No	
8. Did the chapter develop any technical manuals or similar documents?	Yes		No	
9. Does the chapter provide scholarship(s)	Yes		No	
How many?				
Total Dollar Amount:				

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1. Briefly describe the most significant accomplishments of your chapter during the past year. (Limit to one page with a 12 point font. Additional pages will not be reviewed.)