



Environmental Service Award

The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) invite schools to nominate a **student or classroom, grades 6-12** to be recognized for completing a school-sanctioned, environment-based project that has tangible results.

What? Schools verify the validity of each project with its outcome and must submit the nomination by email. To qualify as environment-based, the project must provide a benefit for Michigan flora, wildlife, air, water, land, or ecosystems. The project must take place between April 22, 2020 and February 1, 2021.

The following information is required to evaluate the submission:

- ✓ Student Name and Classroom Grade
- ✓ Teacher Name, Telephone Number, and Email Address
- ✓ School Name, Address, and City
- ✓ Project description with basic detail such as project goal, step-by-step instructions, length of project, before and after photos of the project, and beneficiary (school, wildlife, etc.).

When? Award nominations must be submitted via email in a letter that includes all the information required above by **March 5, 2021**. The **Earth Day** email is EGLE-EarthDay@Michigan.gov.

How? Nominations will be judged based on the student's or classroom's project design and benefits to Michigan flora, wildlife, air, water, land, or ecosystems. **Two** projects will receive an award, **one to grades 6-8, and one to grades 9-12**.

Winners will be notified by **March 26, 2021**. The winners will be honored in an online pre-recorded ceremony that will be posted the week of **April 22, 2021** on the **Earth Day** webpage, www.Michigan.gov/EarthDay.

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