

2019 Iowa Watershed Award Application Form

Iowa's watershed coordinators are critical to the future success of improving water quality and meeting the goals of the Iowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy. The Iowa Agriculture Water Alliance (IAWA), in collaboration with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, and Conservation Districts of Iowa, created the **Iowa Agriculture Water Alliance Iowa Watershed Awards** to honor watershed coordinators for the important work they do every day to improve Iowa's water quality. Sponsored by IAWA, the award will recognize up to five honorees, with each receiving funding for their local watershed program and for their own professional development. Thank you for applying!

Instructions

Respond completely and concisely to each question. There is a 200 word limit for each question. Bulleted lists and short statements are encouraged but not required.

Enter your name, watershed project, and contact information:

Name Watershed Project

Address

City State ZIP

Email Phone

Questions

1. Please describe partners that you have collaborated with to carry out project objectives. Describe how partners and local leaders have been engaged and their roles in implementing project objectives.

2. Describe how frequently and in what ways you engage with local stakeholders and leaders and local and state agency partners. Include how these groups influenced project direction and success.

3. List the outreach events organized in your watershed over the past year. Indicate whether the events were organized and hosted exclusively by your project or if you collaborated with partner organizations to host and include attendance and primary audiences.

4. Describe outreach methods used to reach individual farmers and landowners (i.e., not included in outreach events described above).

5. Describe how you evaluate or assess your project and how this information is used for planning and project improvement.

6. Describe the priority conservation practices in your watershed project and how implementation efforts have progressed in alignment with both project and program goals.

7. Describe the types of water monitoring tools used and how the data are used. Include the process of stakeholder engagement with water monitoring data.

8. Describe the tools such as ACPF that you have used to determine practice placement or identify priority areas and any specific innovations in applying the data to focus your efforts and engage farmers and landowners.

9. List professional development, and training opportunities you have attended over the past year and any awards or recognition you or your watershed have received during your time as the coordinator.

10. Optional Question: Describe other project or individual accomplishments or innovations that have not yet been captured in other questions.