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Keep Oklahoma Beautiful Seeks Nominations for Environmental Excellence Awards

Nominations open now through July 15 for six award categories honoring Oklahoma environmental leaders

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK - Keep Oklahoma Beautiful (KOB) is now accepting nominations for its 2026 Environmental Excellence Awards, recognizing individuals, organizations, and businesses making a real difference for Oklahoma's land, water, and communities. Nominations are open through July 15, 2026.

Winners will be honored at the 36th Annual Environmental Excellence Celebration on Thursday, October 29, 2026, at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City.

"Every year, Oklahomans are doing remarkable work to protect and improve the places we all share," said Evelyn Schaefer, Executive Director of Keep Oklahoma Beautiful. "These awards exist to make sure that work gets seen. We want to hear from communities across all 77 counties about the people and organizations who deserve that recognition." Nominations are open in six categories:

- **Environmental Innovation Award** — recognizing groundbreaking approaches to environmental challenges
- **Collaborative Impact Award** — honoring partnerships between organizations working together on environmental goals
- **Oklahoma Environmental Champion Award** — recognizing individuals with sustained environmental work across Oklahoma
- **Nonprofit Leadership Award** — celebrating nonprofit organizations leading environmental change in their communities
- **Higher Education Excellence Award** — honoring colleges and universities advancing environmental education and stewardship
- **Environmental Justice Award** — recognizing work that helps underserved communities access clean air, clean water, and healthy environments

Nominations are free and open to the public. Nominators do not need to be affiliated with an organization to participate. The online nomination form is available at keepok.org and is written to be accessible for all Oklahomans. Assistance is available by phone at (405) 286-9141 for those who prefer to complete the form by phone.

Nominations must be submitted by July 15, 2026.

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About Keep Oklahoma Beautiful

Keep Oklahoma Beautiful is a statewide 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization working to improve and beautify Oklahoma's communities through volunteer action, education, and partnerships across all 77 counties. KOB is an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful. Learn more at keepok.org.