

AWARD SELECTION PROCESS

Dates for the selection process:

September 1

* Deadline to submit nomination to DOC

November 1

* Judging Committee selection due

January

* Award presentation

June 1

* National Award Application due



GOVERNOR'S MINED LAND RECLAMATION AWARD

***Please call: 785-564-6620
For Application Packet or go to
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OVERVIEW

The Division of Conservation, KDA, Mined Land Reclamation Program annually offers awards to raise the awareness and standards of reclaiming mined land and to recognize excellence in:

- **Reclamation**
- **Restoration**
- **Beautification**
- **Community Relations**
- **Environmental Enhancement**

The award improves public awareness of positive mining practices and the mining industry's commitment to protecting the environment.

AWARD CATEGORIES

There are two broad award categories:

1. Reclamation of **sand and gravel sites**.
2. Reclamation of sites affected by mining **limestone and other minerals**, except coal.

An award will be given in both categories to private producers and county/government operated sites.

WHAT DO I GET IF I WIN?

Plaques will be presented by the governor or his/her representative to the recipients at the *Kansas Aggregate Producer's Association* annual convention.

Recognition of the award winners will be provided to all permitted mine operators in the state.

The Division of Conservation will display pictures of the award winner and project on its website.

Top award recipients will be nominated for the National Association of State Land Reclamationists (NASLR) National Reclamation Award.

APPLICATIONS

Individuals, companies, and counties in the surface mining industry (except coal) can request and submit an application packet consisting of:

- A narrative of the reclamation or other activities accomplished at the site.
- Four color photographs illustrating the reclamation work at the site. Before as well as after photos are encouraged for the best chance to win.
- Any supplemental information that will support the nomination.

JUDGING CRITERIA

- Compliance
- Contemporaneous
- Drainage
- Post-Mining Land Use
- Innovative Practices.

NOTE: Reclaimed land must meet the reclamation requirements of the *Surface-Mining Land Conservation and Reclamation Act*.

JUDGING COMMITTEE

One person from each of the following agencies and organizations will be appointed to review the nominations:

- Kansas Department of Agriculture, Division of Water Resources
- Kansas Department of Health and Environment-Surface Mining Section
- Kansas Geological Survey
- Private Industry