

AWARD SELECTION PROCESS

Dates for the selection process:

October 31 of each year

* Deadline to submit nomination to DOC

January of each year (TBD)

* Award presentation

July 1 of each year

* National Award Application deadline



GOVERNOR'S MINED LAND RECLAMATION AWARD

**For award application
please call 785-564-6626
or go to www.agriculture.ks.gov**



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OVERVIEW

The Kansas Department of Agriculture, Division of Conservation, 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 Governor's Mined Land Reclamation 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.

AWARD RECOGNITION

Plaques will be presented by the governor or his / her representative to the recipient(s) at the *Kansas Aggregate Producer's Association* annual convention, which is held in January.

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 award application packet consisting of:

- The award application providing a narrative of the reclamation and other activities accomplished at the site.
- Eight (8) or more color photographs illustrating the reclamation work at the site. Before as well as after photos are encouraged for the best chance to win the award. A video may also be accepted.
- Any supplemental information, such as a map / aerial photo, 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*.

Applicant must be in compliance with all federal, state and county requirements pertaining to quarry operation and reclamation.

JUDGING COMMITTEE

If multiple applications are received, 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
- Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism
- Kansas Forest Service