



## Horry County Solid Waste Authority 2026 Recycling Student of the Year Application

**Deadline: Friday, March 6, 2026**

*Entire application must be included with your nomination. (Please type or print in black ink)*

The Horry County Solid Waste Authority's (SWA) Recycling Student of the Year is a one-time honor and may be any student in grades K-12. The winner will receive an electronic reading device, an award plaque, local media coverage and recognition as well as a prize package. To ensure that your application is reviewed and processed as quickly and accurately as possible, please read and follow these procedures and requirements as written:

- ♻️ *If you are selected as the Recycling Student of the Year, you will also be asked to attend a Solid Waste Authority Board Meeting held at our Administrative Offices located at 1886 Highway 90, Conway SC 29526.*
- ♻️ *Recycling Student of the Year is a one-time honor; therefore, previous recipients of this honor should not apply.*

### Procedures

#### **All applicants must:**

- Complete the application.
- Only one application per school per year.
- Enclose only the items requested in the requirements. Pictures and videos are encouraged.
- Answer the essay questions.
- Include on each attachment the applicant's name and address.
- Submit all attachments with the application form to ensure that all items are available for review at the same time.
- Send completed application to: Horry County Solid Waste Authority, Attn: Public Education, P.O. Box 1664, Conway, SC 29528-1664. *Faxes or emails will not be accepted.*
- **Deadline:** Be advised that only those applications postmarked on or before **Friday, March 6, 2026**, will be considered.
- Be advised that applications become the property of the Horry County Solid Waste Authority and will not be returned to the applicant.
- Please understand that submitting this application is in no way a guarantee that the student will be awarded the Horry County Recycling Student of the Year.

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### Eligibility Requirements

#### **All applicants must:**

1. Be a student, attending a public school in Horry County.
2. Resident of Horry County (for at least one year).
3. Have participated in recycling activities at school and at home. Pictures and videos are encouraged.
4. Submit application that is postmarked on or before **Friday, March 6, 2026**. **Late applications will not be considered.** Please use sufficient postage.
5. Provide one signed letter of recommendation from a mentor, teacher, civic leader, or church leader who knows the applicant personally. (Endorsements from parents will not be accepted).
6. Previous winners are not eligible.

### School Information

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address / Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal's Name / Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Principal's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

Guidance Counselor Name / Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Applicant's Biographical Information

(Please type or print in black ink)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of parent or guardian: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Last

Recycling Activities: Please describe what recycling activities the student has been involved with at school / home.

School Recycling Activities

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Home Recycling Activities

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Nomination Essay Questions

Please answer the following questions. Please type each answer in 250 words or less on a separate sheet.

1. **Why do you (the applicant) deserve to be Horry County's Recycling Student of the Year?**
2. **What have you (the applicant) done to influence others (peers and/or adults) to recycle or save the environment?**

### Photo Entry

Please include a photo of you recycling.

### Volunteer Opportunity

If you are selected as the recipient, you may be asked to volunteer at one SWA Public Education event, such as a recycling presentation or special event. Volunteer responsibilities may include encouraging recycling with the public, distributing brochures at a SWA table or assisting with a special event recycling program. If you are selected as the Recycling Student of the Year, you will also be asked to attend a Solid Waste Authority Board Meeting. Times will be discussed with you.

### Letter of Recommendation

Please attach one signed letter of recommendation from a mentor, teacher, civic leader, or church leader who knows the applicant personally. (Endorsements from parents will not be accepted).

### Signatures

I hereby authorize the SWA Selection Committee to request and obtain any further information it deems necessary. By signing below, I confirm that all information and statements on this form are true and correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant or Nominator Date

*I have read this application, and it has my approval.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/ Guardian Date