



Society of Women Environmental Professionals
of New Jersey

**2012 “GROWING GREAT WOMEN IN THE GARDEN STATE” AWARD
NOMINATION CRITERIA AND FORM**

The Society of Women Environmental Professionals of New Jersey (“SWEP”) has named its annual achievement award, the “Growing Great Women in the Garden State Award” (“Award”), to emphasize that its recipient has made a significant contribution to one of many environmental fields and is, thus, a woman whose achievements can serve as an example to which others may aspire. The intent of the award is to recognize a New Jersey woman who has contributed to an environmental field of practice, including government, private industry, and non-profit sectors, and whose contributions reflect the following mission statement of SWEP:

- To encourage and promote the leadership, achievement, and professional development of women in the environmental professions;
- To provide an informal setting for women in the environmental professions to meet, share substantive information and work experiences, and to establish a communications exchange;
- To educate members on new developments and current trends in the environmental field;
- To encourage and promote the development of business relationships; and
- To encourage and promote public service in the environmental field.

A list of prior award recipients may be found on SWEP’s website, <http://NJSWEP.org>

The SWEP Award consists of an original work of art by local artisans that features the winner’s name and the year of the award. A gala is also held to recognize the award recipient(s).

NOMINEE QUALIFICATIONS

The SWEP Award recognizes and honors outstanding women who have made or are making a significant contribution to an environmental field. Nominees for this award should be women who set a standard for quality and excellence in their chosen environmental field. In addition, nominees should be distinguished by their professional commitment, leadership and achievement. We encourage nomination of distinguished women professionals from all areas of practice, including government, private industry and non-profit sectors, including scientists, lawyers, educators, directors, or any other pursuit that involves some aspect of the environment.



Nominees do not need to be members of SWEP to be considered for the Award. However, nominees should possess the following minimum criteria:

- Is a woman;
- Is a resident of New Jersey;
- Is being nominated by a member of SWEP of New Jersey;
- Has made active, special contributions to her chosen environmental field through knowledge, action and personal time commitment.
- Has engaged in community activities outside of her job responsibilities that have contributed to setting her apart from her colleagues.
- Has demonstrated a commitment to supporting and encouraging the next generation of environmental professionals either through leadership activities, mentoring, teaching, and/or volunteering.

The following individuals are not eligible for nomination:

- Members currently holding elected SWEP office;
- Past Award recipients;
- Individuals who are not nominated by a member of SWEP of New Jersey;
- Individuals whose nominations are received after the deadline for submitting nominations.
- Individuals for whom a nomination is submitted with a written description that exceeds the two-page page limit.

The Steering Committee of SWEP reserves the right to revise the eligibility qualifications for all nominees, to seek additional information regarding individual nominees as it deems appropriate and to grant more than one award where the field of nominees is so qualified that multiple awards are warranted.

NOMINATING PROCEDURE:

To nominate an individual for the "Growing Great Women in the Garden State" Award, complete the nomination form and return by mail, or email by **March 1, 2012** to:

SWEP of New Jersey

c/o Linda Esposti, Administrative Assistant

161 Sheridan Road

Hamilton, NJ 08619

lindaesposti@verizon.net

Please direct inquiries to: Linda Esposti at (609) 584-7810 or the email listed above.

All nominations must be emailed or postmarked on or before March 1, 2012. Nominations that are received after this date and nominations that exceed the maximum page limit will not be considered.



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Nominee: _____
Title: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Fax: _____
E-mail: _____

Please briefly describe on a separate page how this nominee satisfies the Award criteria and why this nominee should receive the 2012 "Growing Great Women in the Garden State" Award. Please limit your description to no more than two pages. Please also attach a resume or curriculum vitae (if available) to your two-page description. Nominations that include descriptions that exceed two pages will not be considered. The Steering Committee reserves the right to seek additional information should it need to do so.

Please submit a curriculum vitae or biographical summary (if available) for the nominee with this form.

Your Name: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Phone: _____
E-mail: _____

Are you a member of SWEP? _____
Is the nominee a member of SWEP? _____

How do you know the nominee?

Please return nomination form by mail, or email to:

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THANK YOU!!!