

# TEXAS CONSERVATION AWARDS PROGRAM

## 2026 AREA 4 WINNERS

### OUTSTANDING CONSERVATION DISTRICT

#### First Place

Trinity-Neches #422 - Joe Ellis - Frankston, TX

#### Runner-Up

Lower Sabine Neches #446 - Chad Jenkins - Mauriceville, TX

### CONSERVATION RANCHER

#### First Place

JB Arrington, Orange, TX  
Lower Sabine Neches #446

#### Runner-Up

Henry Potts, Emory, TX  
Hopkins-Rains #445

### CONSERVATION FARMER

#### First Place

Pickenpough Farms, Gilmer, TX  
Upshur-Gregg #417

#### Runner-up

KJ Farms, Kountze, TX  
Lower Neches #437

### ESSAY CONTEST (ages 13 and under)

#### First Place

Madalynn James, New Boston, TX  
Bowie County# 408

**2nd Place**

Liam K. Williams, Avery, TX  
Red River County# 423

**3rd Place**

Elijah Newsom, Teague, TX  
Freestone #424

**ESSAY CONTEST (ages 14-18)**

**First Place**

Karlee White, Deport, TX  
Red River County# 423

**2nd Place**

Katie Komac, Gilmer, TX  
Upshur-Gregg# 417

**POSTER CONTEST (K-2<sup>ND</sup> Grade)**

**First place**

Ryan King, Jewett, TX  
Bedias Creek# 428

**2nd place**

Kara Wolf, Detroit, TX  
Red River County# 423

**3rd place**

Pake Stringer, Detroit, TX  
Red River County# 423

**POSTER CONTEST (3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade)**

**First place**

Chelsea Ogle, Centerville, TX  
Bedias Creek #428

**2nd place**

Kaley Nguyen, Centerville, TX  
Bedias Creek #428

**3rd place**

Roxxi Austin, Rusk, TX  
Cherokee County #427

**FRIEND OF CONSERVATION**

SFA Real Estate Foundation, Rusk, TX  
Cherokee County #427

**CONSERVATION TEACHER**

**First place**

Milton Marshall - University of Texas at Tyler Longview Innovation Academy(6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>)  
Gladewater, TX  
Upshur-Gregg #417

**Runner-up**

Richard Dittmer – Third Grade Buffalo, TX  
Bedias Creek #428

**FORESTRY CONSERVATIONIST**

**First Place**

Michael Parrish, Livingston, TX  
Polk San Jacinto #436

**Runner-up**

Byron and Michelle Harden, Gilmer, TX  
Upshur-Gregg #417



