

TEXAS CONSERVATION AWARDS PROGRAM

2025 AREA WINNERS

OUTSTANDING CONSERVATION DISTRICT

First Place

Red River County SWCD# 423
Johnny Drew, Clarksville, TX

Runner-Up

Lower Neches SWCD# 437
Terry Johnson, Silsbee, TX

CONSERVATION RANCHER

First Place

Wade Jensen, Bullard, TX
Cherokee County SWCD# 427

CONSERVATION FARMER

First Place

Gerald Bauer, Winnie, TX
Coastal SWCD# 432

ESSAY CONTEST (ages 13 and under)

First Place

Tyler Ashton Woodall, Oakwood, TX
Freestone County SWCD# 424

2nd Place

Tripp Jones, Paris, TX
Lamar SWCD# 415

3rd Place

Makenzie Havard, Hemphill, TX
Pineywoods SWCD# 429

ESSAY CONTEST (ages 14-18)

First Place

Gavin Avery, Paris, TX
Lamar SWCD# 415

2nd Place

Karlee White, Deport, TX
Red River County SWCD# 423

3rd Place

Hannah Newberry, Paris, TX
Lamar SWCD# 415

POSTER CONTEST (K-2ND Grade)

First place

Luke Low, Alto, TX
Cherokee County SWCD# 427

2nd place

Daisy Matthews, Powderly, TX
Lamar SWCD# 415

3rd place

Lauren Honzell, Alto, TX
Cherokee County SWCD# 427

POSTER CONTEST (3rd-6th Grade)

First place

Oliver Estrada, Paris, TX
Lamar# 415

2nd place

Melissa Mercado, Cleveland, TX
Lower Trinity SWCD# 435

3rd place

Sophie Haywood, Madisonville, TX
Bedias Creek SWCD# 428

FRIEND OF CONSERVATION

Kregg Slakey, Cooper, TX - Banker/Rancher
Delta SWCD# 443

Runner-up

Mike and Stephanie Hill, Gilmer, TX - Direct to retail agriculture/catering
Upshur-Gregg# 417

CONSERVATION TEACHER

First place

Sue Witt, Gilmer, TX
9th Grade, Principles of Agriculture - Gilmer High School, Gilmer, TX
Upshur-Gregg SWCD# 417

FORESTRY CONSERVATIONIST

First Place

Bob David, Chester, TX
Polk-San Jacinto SWCD# 436

Runner-up

Helen Johnson, Gilmer, TX
Upshur-Gregg# 417