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**What are the Sustainability Awards?**These awards honor businesses, organizations and individuals that are leading the way to a sustainable future in Central Oregon.

**Why give awards?**By showcasing the commitment of the winners to a healthy environment, a vibrant economy, and an equitable society, we hope to inspire even more sustainable action in our community.

**Who typically receives an award?**Businesses and organizations that demonstrate a comprehensive, organization-wide commitment to sustainability; that have a project, service or product that is particularly innovative; and/or that have set an example for and pushed their peers/industry toward sustainable business practices and projects. Offering long-term, living wage opportunities for workers and supporting community through philanthropy, volunteerism and civic engagement are also beneficial to applicants.

Individuals who are making sustainability real in our community and setting an example for others to follow. Individuals should model sustainable behavior in their personal life and take action to embed sustainability into the broader community through their professional work and/or as a community volunteer, activist or leader.

For examples of past winners and summaries of why they won, click [here](https://envirocenter.org/tec-events/sustainability-awards/).

**Can I apply for someone else?**Yes, and we encourage you to do so. Individuals are often too modest to apply themselves. However, it is important to engage the nominee when completing the application form in order to make sure the application is complete and thus competitive when it is submitted.

**Can a business outside of Central Oregon apply for an award?**The Sustainability Awards are meant to honor activity in the Central Oregon region(Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson counties)**.** Businesses or organizations with headquarters outside the Central Oregon region may apply but should base their application on operations conducted within the Central Oregon region only.

**Will applicants get to review or update their application once it has been submitted?**No. Applications should be complete when submitted; they will be reviewed exactly as they are submitted. Environmental Center staff and members of the Sustainability Awards review committee will not conduct additional research after receipt of nomination forms.

**Who decides the winners?**A review committee made up of community members and leaders, sustainable business owners, past winners and Environmental Center staff and Board review applications and select finalists and then winners. They focus their evaluation of which applicants best meet the criteria described above under *Who typically receives an award?*

**When are applications due?**  
Applications must be submitted by 5:00pm on September 14, 2018. Application forms can be requested on our website at [www.envirocenter.org](http://www.envirocenter.org)/sustainabilityawards.

**When will the winners be announced?**The winners will be announced at the awards event at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Central Oregon on November 15, 2018.

**Where do I get tickets for the November 15th awards event?**Tickets to the awards event will be available for purchase online this fall. (Stay tuned for details.) All nominees will receive at least one complimentary ticket to the awards event.

**Who were last year’s award winners?**

The Environmental Center presented seven awards in 2016:

* Individual: Allison Murphy
* Small Business: Pacific Crest Affordable Housing
* Large Business: Pine Mountain Sports
* Special Award—Pioneers: Bob and Mary Devore
* Special Award—Rookie of the Year: The Broomsmen
* Special Award—Industry Leader: GreenSavers
* Special Award—Forward Momentum: City of Bend

Information about our 2016, 2014, and 2012 Sustainability Award winners can be found on our website for reference. Visit: [www.envirocenter.org/sustainabilityawards](http://www.envirocenter.org/sustainabilityawards).