

Farm Credit Outstanding District Award

In January 2002, the MASCD gave the Soil Conservation Leaders Association (SCLA) the responsibility for developing and implementing an outstanding district award to replace the Goodyear award which was discontinued in 2001. The name selected for this new award was the Maryland Outstanding District For _____ (year). Criteria for selecting the district includes all activities of the districts; meeting attendance, educational activities, planning, reporting, conservation practices installed, etc.

In 2004, the SCLA contacted the Farm Credit to seek sponsorship for the Outstanding District Award and they agreed to sponsor the award starting in 2005. The award was renamed the Farm Credit Outstanding District Award to recognize their support and J. Robert Frazee, president of Farm Credit, attended the 2005 awards ceremony and presented the awards.

The award is presented each year during the annual meeting for district activities during the previous calendar year. Any one district is not eligible to receive first place more than once in three years. Honorable mention is given to any district that scores high enough to be first place but is not eligible because of the once in three years restriction. The judging committee may give honorable mention to a district that scores very close to the first place district.

The SCLA was designated as the judging committee for this award. In 2003, the SCLA elected to include a representative of SSCC and NRCS as part of the judging team and in 2005, the Farm Credit was invited to be a part of the judging team.

As a result of the Farm Credit funding, starting with the 2004 awards presented in 2005, the following cash awards are now provided to districts:

1 st place	\$700.00
2 nd place	\$400.00
3 rd place	\$200.00

Year Awarded	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place
2002	St. Mary's SCD	Calvert SCD	Anne Arundel SCD
2003	Baltimore Co. SCD	Calvert SCD	Washington Co. SCD
2004	Cecil SCD	St. Mary's SCD	Baltimore Co. SCD
2005	St. Mary's SCD	Cecil SCD	Montgomery SCD
2006	Calvert SCD	Cecil SCD	Montgomery SCD
2007	Baltimore Co. SCD	Montgomery SCD	Cecil SCD
2008	Prince George's SCD	Cecil SCD	Montgomery SCD
2009	St. Mary's SCD	Cecil SCD	Prince George's SCD
2010	Cecil SCD	Montgomery SCD	Prince George's SCD
2011	Montgomery SCD	Baltimore Co. SCD	Howard SCD
2012	St. Mary's SCD	Prince George's SCD	Howard SCD
2013	Prince George's SCD	Howard SCD	Calvert SCD
2014	Cecil SCD	St. Mary's SCD	Montgomery SCD
2015	Montgomery SCD	Howard SCD	Washington Co. SCD
2016	St. Mary's SCD	Prince George's SCD	Howard SCD
2017	Prince George's SCD	Harford SCD	Carroll SCD
2018	Cecil SCD	St. Mary's SCD	Montgomery SCD
2019	Howard SCD	Prince George's SCD	Cecil SCD

Year Awarded	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place
2020	Montgomery SCD	St. Mary's SCD	Prince George's SCD
2021	Charles SCD	Montgomery SCD	St. Mary's SCD
2022	St. Mary's SCD	Howard SCD	Washington Co. SCD
2023	Prince George's SCD	St. Mary's SCD	Cecil SCD
2024	Montgomery SCD	Prince George's SCD	Charles SCD