

Stewards of the Environment™

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Tolland Public Schools Dr. Walter Willett, Superintendent 51 Tolland Green Tolland, CT 06084-3099

Dear Dr. Willett:

As proud Stewards of the Environment, Aquarion Water Company is pleased to announce the sixth annual Aquarion Environmental Champion Awards program. Aquarion has a special appreciation for the accomplishments of all of our state's environmental volunteers, but we feel it is particularly important to recognize the youth who make a commitment to protect or restore Connecticut's natural resources. Accordingly, we have designated one of the award categories to honor a student in grades 9-12.

The student who wins the 2016 Aquarion Environmental Champion Award will receive statewide recognition and receive a \$1000 award. Teachers, administrators and clubs throughout your system can also be nominated in their respective category. Winners in the adult and nonprofit organization categories, as well as small and large business categories, will receive a \$2500 grant given in their name to an environmental non-profit organization of their choice.

The awards will be presented during a special celebration at Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo on June 4, 2016. U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal and other dignitaries will be in attendance to present the awards.

The deadline for nominations is May 4, 2016. Please use the enclosed posters to inform students, teachers and others in your school system about this opportunity. We have also included an electronic communications kit you can use for your website and social media communications.

Thank you in advance for your support of this program and your students' volunteer efforts. You'll find complete details about the program, awards and nomination procedure at aquarionwater.com or facebook.com/aquarionwater. If you have any questions or need additional materials, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Bruce Silverstone

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## Help Aquarion Water Company Find Connecticut's Environmental Champions

The 2016 Aquarion Environmental Champion Awards

As the largest investor-owned water utility in New England, Aquarion not only provides clean and safe drinking water to more than 625,000 people in Connecticut, but we also manage and protect the natural resources on more than 20,000 acres of land. As a result, we feel a special appreciation for the thousands of volunteers across the state who dedicate their time and energy to protecting and improving the health of our environment.

Now we're inviting you to help honor those efforts by nominating an *adult, student, small or large business, or non-profit organization* for the Aquarion Environmental Champion Award. Awards will again go to outstanding volunteer projects that have improved and protected Connecticut's natural resources – its air, water, soils, or plant and wildlife communities. Winners will be named at a special event on June 4, 2016, at Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo.

So nominate someone today (self-nominations and renominations are welcome). And help Aquarion put even more green into Connecticut's best environmental efforts. *Nomination deadline: May 4, 2016* 

