



Keep Mississippi Beautiful 2020 Awards Program

The Keep Mississippi Beautiful (KMB) Awards Program recognizes the best of the best among our network of community-based affiliates, leading corporate partners and individual volunteers across the country who have committed to delivering cleaner, greener and more beautiful communities.

KMB is now accepting nominations for its 2021 awards, recognizing accomplishments from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

Nominations are due March 5, 2021.

Individual Achievement Awards

1. **Youth of the Year Award:** Honors a youth under the age of 25 who demonstrates leadership supporting the KMB mission.
2. **Educator of the Year Award:** Honors an educator who exhibits exceptional commitment toward the vision that all communities will be clean, green and beautiful.
3. **Mayor of the Year Award:** Honors a mayor in Mississippi who supports the KMB mission by taking action every day to improve their community environment.
4. **Law Enforcement Recognition Award:** Honors a Law Enforcement Officer, Environmental Code Officer, Prosecutor/Attorney, or Judge in Mississippi who supports the KMB mission.
5. **Pat Fordice Award:** Honors an individual who has demonstrated leadership by contributing his or her time, talent and dedication to improving the quality of life in their communities across Mississippi. This award is given in honor of the former First Lady who was a dedicated supporter of Keep Mississippi Beautiful.
6. **Louise Godwin Award:** Honors a leader and volunteer for their exceptional and numerous years in helping his or her community and state become cleaner, greener and more beautiful. This award commemorates Mrs. Godwin's many litter prevention and beautification activities as she was one of the key founders of Keep Mississippi Beautiful.
7. **Ron Aldridge Volunteer of the Year Award:** Honors an individual who has volunteered extensively to help his or her community/state to become cleaner, greener, and more beautiful by raising public awareness to others to participate in activities that preserve our natural resources.

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1. **Great American Cleanup Award:** Recognizes a Keep Mississippi Beautiful affiliate, community group, or entity who used the Great American Cleanup to impact positive change.
2. **Wildflower Trails of Mississippi Award:** Recognizes a Keep Mississippi Beautiful affiliate, community group or other entity that has helped broaden the reach of the wildflower pollinator program.
3. **Recycling in Mississippi Award:** Recognizes a Keep Mississippi Beautiful affiliate, community group or other entity that has had made significant investments to expand or broaden recycling in their community.
4. **Affiliate Award:** Recognizes a Keep Mississippi Beautiful affiliate that embodies the spirit of Keep Mississippi Beautiful through active beautification, litter cleanup and recycling efforts and has sustained their local affiliate with exceptional success.

Mississippi Partnership Awards

These awards recognize entities with achievements in beautification, recycling and litter cleanup and take action every day to improve and beautify their community environment. KMB affiliates are encouraged to nominate partners for awards in this category.

1. **Business/ Industry Award:** Recognizes a business, company or association.
2. **Government Award:** Recognizes a state or federal agency or local government.
3. **Youth Group and Education Institution Award:** Recognizes a youth group, educator or education institution.
4. **Civic Award:** Recognizes a civic or non-profit group.

How to Nominate:

Complete and submit the nomination packet, which includes the nomination form, the narrative and two supporting materials (photos, articles, etc.). All photos should be sent as JPGs. More information on the packet is found on the nomination form.

The packet can be emailed to awards@keepmsbeautiful.com or mailed to: 150 Fountains Blvd., Suite D, Madison, MS 39110. Emailed packets must be received no later than midnight March 5, 2021. Mailed packets must be postmarked no later than **March 5, 2021**.

Awards will be presented at Keep Mississippi Beautiful Awards Ceremony in April 2021 in Jackson, MS. Date is still to be determined.