



Recycle Florida Today Environmental Sustainability (RFTEs) Award and Pinnacle Award for Industry Excellence

Submission Instructions

The Recycle Florida Today Environmental Sustainability Award (RFTEs) is the premier recognition of those having outstanding programs or events centered on recycling and environmental sustainability. Emphasis is placed annually honoring an individual or organization that is pursuing significantly increased awareness which motivates recycling, composting, waste reduction and other sustainability efforts. The award winner(s) will display exemplary practices in their respective organizations. Organizational award categories: Outstanding Public Program, Outstanding Private Program, and Outstanding Non-Profit Program Awards.

Individuals may submit for the Pinnacle Award for Industry Excellence recognizes individual members that exemplify excellence in the areas of advancing recycling, resource conservation, sustainable and environmental stewardship in Florida through source reduction and waste prevention, (reduction, reuse, recycling, composting), and legislative advocacy. The award is meant to honor Recycle Florida Today, Inc. members who have made an extraordinary contribution to the industry.

How to complete your entry?

1. **FREE members!** Not a member of Recycle Florida Today, Inc. (RFT)? Join now at the attractive rate of \$275 to participate and receive membership to RFT for the remainder of the year. [Click here to join.](#)
2. **How to apply?** Complete the awards survey application and upload your completed presentation in PDF format to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2026rftesandpinnacleawards> **by the deadline of Wednesday, May 13th at 5:00 PM (EST).** Organizations may only submit one (1) award per category and one (1) nomination for the Pinnacle Award for Industry Excellence.
3. **How to prepare your submission?** Review the presentation format below and awards rubric information that will be used to judge your submission. **Presentation format.** Your presentation slides should include the following information on each slide below and **contain no less than 4 slides and no greater than 20 total slides.** Your submission can be created in formats that include PowerPoint, Canva, SWAY, Google Slides, or any other presentation platform. **However, you must upload your presentation in a PDF format or in a Word document with a link to your presentation for review and judging.** Presentations may contain videos, audio, and other interactive content.

View our 2025 winners and finalists here - <https://recyclefloridatoday.org/congratulations-to-seminole-county-and-coastal-waste-recycling-2025-rftes-award-winners/>.

Submission Outline

- a. **Slide 1 – Title**
 - i. Logo/name of the organization submitting for the award or full name of the individual, if submitting for an individual award. The cover may also include illustrations, backgrounds, or pictures to highlight your share.
 - b. **Slide 2 – Program Summary**
 - i. Summary of your program illustrating why your program should be considered for this award and a summary of what the presentation will be about.
 - c. **Slides 3 through 19 – Description of Program**
 - i. Submission may include content dedicated to describing your program. Submissions may include images, pictures, embedded videos, publications, outcomes (data, key findings, takeaways), and other pertinent information.
 - d. **Slide 20 – Closing Slide**
 - i. Closing slide that includes your organization’s logo or name of individual that summarizes your submission in a visual (focus on visuals) one-page format and contact information.
4. **Complete the RFTES and or Pinnacle Award for Industry Excellence application and upload your final presentation by the deadline of Wednesday, May 13th at 5:00 pm (EST) to – <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2026rftesandpinnacleawards>.**
1. For questions regarding your program or submission contact our awards chair, **Shiraz Kashar** at skashar1@wm.com, with a cc’ to **Heather Armstrong** at heather@recyclefloridatoday.org.

Responses to Frequently Asked Questions

1. Your submission may have less than 20 slides, but not fewer than 4 slides.
2. Submissions should be in a format that allows us to share your final presentation in a PDF format.
3. Videos, images, etc. should be embedded in your presentation with reference to the link. **Include text of the link address somewhere where others can view.*
4. Your closing slide should include your contact information.
5. Finalists will have the opportunity to promote their submission to the Recycle Florida Today, Inc. network.