


A background image showing three students, two boys and one girl, looking intently at a map or document on a table. One boy is pointing at a specific location on the map. They are all wearing casual clothing; one boy is in a red shirt, and the girl is in a maroon shirt with Hebrew text 'לחיים' (LeChaim) and 'To Life' printed on it.

GET RECOGNIZED for outstanding support of watershed education!

Do you represent a
**non-formal education
partner organization** or a
**PreK-12 formal educational
institution** that actively engages
Pennsylvania students in
the **Meaningful Watershed
Educational Experience (MWEE)**?

Get recognized for your outstanding
support of the MWEE through one of
TWO new awards: the **MWEE Partner
in Excellence Award** for non-formal
partners and the **Exceptional
Implementation of the MWEE Award**
for schools or school districts! Three
awardees for each award from across
the Commonwealth will be formally
recognized on March 19, 2020, at the
2020 PAEE/PRPS Joint Conference &
Expo in Seven Springs, PA!

**APPLY ONLINE BY
FRI, JAN 3, 2020
AT 11:59 P.M. EST:
[HTTP://BIT.LY/2NMZK0Q](http://bit.ly/2NMZK0Q)**

A decorative graphic consisting of two overlapping chevrons pointing to the left, one in white and one in blue.

*Please review the second page of
this flyer for detailed descriptions
and eligibility requirements.*

Questions?

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APPLY TODAY AS A MWEE PARTNER IN EXCELLENCE OR FOR EXCEPTIONAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MWEE!

The MWEE Partner in Excellence and the Exceptional Implementation of the MWEE Awards are two NEW annual awards intended to celebrate outstanding support of and/or implementation of the Meaningful Watershed Educational Experience (MWEE) across the Pennsylvania Commonwealth from July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2019. MWEEs are learner-centered experiences in which students investigate local environmental issues and complete informed action projects. These awards will recognize **THREE non-formal education partners** and **THREE PreK-12 formal educational institutions** throughout three consolidated regions of the Commonwealth: western, central, and eastern Pennsylvania. One awardee for each award will be chosen from each combined region and asked to provide 3-4 photos of their MWEE.



All applications must be submitted by Friday, January 3, 11:59 p.m. EST, via the online application forms listed below. Selected awardees for both MWEE Awards will be notified via email by Friday, January 24, 2020. Selected awardees will be asked to provide 3-4 photos of their MWEE. Awardees will be formally recognized on Thursday, March 19, 2020, during the awards banquet at the **2020 PAEE / PRPS Joint Conference & Expo** organized by the Pennsylvania Association of Environmental Educators and Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society.

Meaningful Watershed Educational Experience Partner in Excellence

Apply: <http://bit.ly/33MspPL>

The MWEE Partner in Excellence Award recognizes non-formal education partners who have previously demonstrated or are actively demonstrating exceptional partnership(s) with PreK-12 formal educational institution(s), such as an individual school or entire school district, to implement one or more elements of the MWEE. Eligible applicants should represent an organization larger than themselves or otherwise act as exceptional supporters of MWEE implementation. Partners include but are not limited to intermediate units; municipalities and municipal authorities; county conservation districts; government organizations; incorporated non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations; nature centers; non-formal and community-based environmental education (EE) providers; and institutions of higher learning (colleges and universities). Eligible organizations must be serving PreK-12 student audiences in Pennsylvania, regardless of the organization's permanent location.

This partnership should have occurred between July 1, 2014, and June 30, 2019. Partnerships may have been initiated prior to July 1, 2014, or continued after June 30, 2019, but eligible partners are required to have completed the project(s) during some or all of the required five-year time period.

Exceptional Implementation of the Meaningful Watershed Educational Experience

Apply: <http://bit.ly/32GBsAp>

The Exceptional Implementation of the MWEE Award recognizes PreK-12 formal educational institutions who have previously implemented or are actively implementing **all four essential elements of the MWEE**. Eligible applicants should represent a PreK-12 formal educational institution in Pennsylvania, including but not limited to individual public schools, private schools, charter schools, parochial schools, and entire school districts that provide school-day or after-school programming and have successfully implemented the four essential elements of the MWEE.

All four essential elements should have been fully implemented between July 1, 2014, and June 30, 2019, even if MWEE implementation was initiated prior to or continued after this five-year time period. The four essential elements include: 1) Issue definition and background research; 2) Outdoor field activities; 3) Synthesis and conclusions; and 4) Stewardship and civic action projects. Implementation by the applying institution may have occurred independently and internally at the school site or district, or in partnership with other institutions or non-formal environmental education providers. More information regarding the essential elements can be found at: <https://www.cbf.org/join-us/education-program/mwee/>

For updates and a full list of the information above, please visit: <http://www.paee.net/mwee-awards.html>



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