



Green River Area Development District

2025 REGIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS



**Charles Reid Regional
Citizenship Award**



**Texal Brooks Regional
Leadership Award**



**Wendell Ford Legislative
Leadership Award**

NOMINATION PACKET

GRADD REGIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS

The Green River Area Development District is pleased to present the Regional Excellence Awards Program to provide recognition for outstanding achievements and contributions that benefit the regional community and add to our quality of life. Many individuals and groups have created valuable programs and projects, and have dedicated themselves to the success of their community. It is our intent to honor these entities for their contributions to the quality of life in the Green River Area Development District.

Eligibility

Individuals who have demonstrated excellence and outstanding achievement in the program categories are eligible nominees. Self-nominations are encouraged.

Award Categories

Wendell H. Ford Regional Legislative Leadership Award: To recognize a city, county, state, or national elected official who has dedicated their life to working with legislative issues and services for the citizens of the Green River Area Development District.

Past winners include: Steve Gold Suzanne Miles Adam O'Nan Stephen Meredith Steve Henry

Texal Brooks Regional Leadership Award: To recognize a current or former GRADD Board member or GRADD Committee member who has demonstrated outstanding regional leadership efforts in promoting the GRADD Mission.

Past winners include: Jeremy Moore Buzzy Newman Franklin Powers Mike Baker
Deneatra Henderson

Charles Reid Regional Citizenship Award: To recognize a citizen from the public or private sector who has played a major role in the regional development efforts in the Green River Area Development District.

Past winners include: Clay Horton David Ross Sonny Renfrow Kim Humphrey
Alma Randolph-Crump

Entry Preparation

To prepare your entry, submit the following:

1. Official entry form (or a copy) including nomination summary.
2. Supporting materials, such as additional explanation of nomination, photos, news articles, etc., are welcome but not required.

Judging

Our distinguished panel of judges are charged each year to select a recipient whose efforts foster a regional identity with lasting results and improve the regional quality of life in the GRADD area.

Deadline for Entries

All nominations for the 2026 Regional Excellence Awards program must be received by **September 17, 2026**

Email entries to: kennywilliams@gradd.com or mail to:

**Kenneth J. Williams, Executive Director
Green River Area Development District
300 GRADD Way
Owensboro, KY 42301**

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Entry Form: Please submit one form for each entry.

Wendell H. Ford Regional Legislative Leadership Award _____

Texal Brooks Regional Leadership Award

Charles Reid Regional Citizenship Award

Nominee: _____

Address: _____

_____ Phone: _____

Summary of Award Nomination (100 words. Please provide a brief synopsis which highlights the key points of your nomination. This is required. Use additional sheet if necessary):

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Nominated by: _____ Title: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

MISSION

To afford local governments and citizens a regional forum to identify issues and opportunities; and to provide leadership in planning and implementing programs to improve the quality of life in our district.

CORE VALUES

- Fairness: Be fair, impartial, and equitable in everything we do.
- Credibility: Be honest, ethical, and trustworthy.
- Excellence: Dedicate ourselves and GRADD TO BE THE BEST!

BROAD GOALS

- Examine and identify the changing needs of the GRADD region and proactively promote and/or implement programs to address those needs.
- Facilitate regional forums to foster and promote regionalism.
- Increase public awareness of GRADD and its services.
- Maintain agency credibility.
- Promote cooperation and coordination between and among Board of Directors, staff, and citizens.
- Develop regional leadership programs.



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