**Government Recycler of the Year Award**  
  
Presented to a local, regional or state governmental agency, which has instituted comprehensive waste prevention and recycling programs.

* Involves an extensive or unique population base in the program.
* Achieves significant waste stream diversion and/or diversion of newly marketable materials.
* Describes practical and successful program methodologies for collection.
* Demonstrates ability of program to be modeled in other communities.

**Non-Profit Recycler of the Year Award**  
  
Presented to a nonprofit organization; such as an environmental group, university, church, or hospital, that has had significant impact in its community through leadership and program development.

* Impacts waste diversion in the community.
* Describes marketing success or recyclables, material diversion, or other unique program attributes to capture recyclable materials.
* Shows educational success of a program.
* Demonstrates ability of program to be modeled in other communities.

**Business Recycler of the Year Award**  
  
Presented to a business that practices outstanding leadership in waste prevention and recycling in their region or field.

* Describes comprehensiveness of recycling and waste prevention.
* Shows volume of material recycled and types of recyclable waste streams captured.

**Tom Hattle Memorial Award**  
  
Presented to an outstanding Teacher or community leader that gives their all to promote recycling.

* Demonstrates success of waste prevention/recycling efforts, in terms of numbers of people affected, tonnage diverted, new programs initiated and other measures.
* Illustrates positive impact individually has had on his/her community, institution or field.
* Describes the innovative way in which the organization found to recycle.
* Describe the factors that lead to the need to innovate.
* Describe the results and the ongoing sustainability of the project.

**TN TOP RECYCLING LEADER**

Presented to a current leader working daily to promote recycling. This award is to highlight the men and women that are going the extra mile every day to promote and participate in recycling in their work, community, or business.

* Shows leadership in their current role or position by promoting or participating in recycling in their day to day efforts.
* Individual shows a positive impact on leading others in recycling efforts, innovation, and determination.
* Leader, regardless of their job title, cares about recycling and works hard to encourage others to get involved.