

# Protecting Our Environment

## An Easy Way You Can Help

### Rewarding Outstanding Recycling Efforts

(NAPSA)—If you know an individual, a business, a community or a school that has an exceptional recycling program, you may want to nominate them for an award.

The 2006 American Forest & Paper Association (AF&PA) Recycling Awards recognize outstanding efforts to encourage and promote increased paper recovery. Award winners receive a monetary prize and original framed artwork, and also gain local and national media attention for their programs.

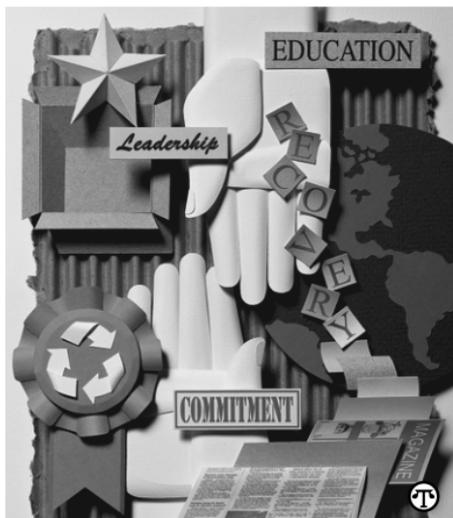
The awards program is part of the paper industry's continuing efforts to achieve its aggressive goal to recover 55 percent of all paper consumed in the U.S. by 2012. While it is well on its way—having reached an all-time high of 50 percent recovery in 2003—there is still much work to be done.

Awards will be given in the following areas:

The Ed Hurley Memorial Paper Recycling Award recognizes an individual who has had a significant and positive influence in advancing paper recycling. Individuals in the private or public sector who have significantly influenced and improved paper recycling in their community or organization are encouraged to apply.

The AF&PA Business Leadership Recycling Awards recognize businesses that have effectively increased paper recovery in the workplace through educational, innovative and cost-effective programs and partnerships. Awards will be given in two separate categories: a large business (more than 150 employees) and a small business (fewer than 150 employees).

The AF&PA Community Recy-



**While recycling offers its own rewards, you may want to nominate an outstanding recycler for AF&PA's Recycling Awards.**

cling Awards recognize communities that have successfully implemented paper recovery and recycling programs, which can serve as role models for other cities. Awards will be given to a community (city or county) of more than 100,000 residents and to a community of fewer than 100,000.

The AF&PA School Recycling Awards recognize schools with effective and reproducible programs that educate students about the importance of paper recycling. Awards will be given in two separate categories: a classroom recycling program and a school-wide recycling program.

Visit [www.paperrecycles.org](http://www.paperrecycles.org) for award applications and criteria and to learn about the 2005 award-winning programs. Applications for the 2006 AF&PA Recycling Awards must be submitted by Friday, February 17, 2006.