



Georgia's Angler Award Youth Program

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife Resources Division recognizes youth anglers (age 15 and under) who catch trophy fish through the **Angler Award Youth Program**.

In order to qualify, the catch must meet minimum weight or length requirements. To see if your catch qualifies for an **Angler Award**, check the official rules. After reviewing, please complete and submit information.

ANGLER INFORMATION

Angler Name: _____

Address/City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Age: _____ Fishing license #: _____

T-Shirt Size: _____

FISH INFORMATION

Fish species: _____

Weight: _____ lb, _____ oz

Length (inches): _____

Date Caught: ____/____/____

Bait Used: _____

Tackle Type: _____

Water Body: _____

Nearest Town/City: _____

APPLICANT SIGNATURE and DATE

_____/____/____
(Applicant's signature or Parent's Signature) *(Date)*

GEORGIA WRD INFO

_____/____/____
(Name and Signature of WRD employee identifying/weighing fish) *(Date)*

CERTIFIED SCALE INFO

Scale Owner (Business Name): _____; Phone: _____

Name of scale operator/witness (store manager or employee): _____

Fish Species Information

<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>WEIGHT (lb)</u>	<u>LENGTH (in)</u>
Bass, Hybrid	5.0	18
Bass, Largemouth	6.0	20
Bass, Redeye	0.75	11
Bass, Chattahoochee	0.25	8
Bass, Rock	0.5	8
Bass, Shadow	0.5	7
Bass, Shoal	2.0	16
Bass, Smallmouth	1.0	16
Bass, Spotted	3.0	18
Bass, Striped	10.0	22
Bass, Suwannee	1.0	12
Bass, Tallapoosa	0.25	8
Bass, White	1.5	11
Bowfin	5.0	20
Bullhead, Brown	1.0	12
Bullhead, Yellow	1.0	10
Bullhead, Spotted/Flat/Snail	1.0	12
Carp, Common/Grass	8.0	16
Catfish, Channel	6.0	20
Catfish, Blue/Flathead	10.0	26
Catfish, White	1.5	14
Crappie, Black	1.5	12
Crappie, White	1.5	12
Drum (Freshwater)	4.0	19
Gar, Longnose	5.0	30
Gar, Spotted/Florida	3.0	20
Perch, White	0.5	10
Perch, Yellow	0.5	10
Pickrel, Chain	2.0	18
Pickrel, Redfin	0.5	12
Shad, American	2.0	16
Shad, Hickory	1.0	12
Sunfish, Bluegill	0.75	9
Sunfish, Flier	0.25	6
Sunfish, Green	0.25	6
Sunfish, Redbreast	0.5	8
Sunfish, Redear	0.75	9
Sunfish, Spotted	0.25	6
Sunfish, Warmouth	0.5	7
Trout, Brook	0.25	8
Trout, Brown	2.0	14
Trout, Rainbow	2.0	14
Walleye	2.5	19

GENERAL RULES AND REQUIREMENTS

ELIGIBLE FISH: See listing on reverse side.

WHO CAN APPLY? Both resident and non-resident anglers are eligible. WRD reserves the right to refuse any questionable entry.

APPLICATION AND PHOTOS: The angler must submit an application (reverse side) with a clear, side view photo of the fish, and a photo of the angler with the fish.

LEGAL SEASON, SPORTING TACKLE AND OTHER INFORMATION: Fish must be caught in Georgia during the legal angling season for the species taken in accordance with all fishing laws and regulations. Fish must be caught on sporting tackle and be hooked and landed by the entrant. Bush hooks, trot lines, jugs, baskets, nets, etc., are not considered sporting tackle. Fish caught from hatcheries or intensive fish culture facilities are not eligible. Freshwater fish caught from private waters in which adults of the species in question are stocked are not eligible.

CERTIFIED SCALE: This applies to *Kept Angler Award Fish* submissions. Fish must be weighed on a scale that has been certified accurate to the nearest ounce, or lesser weight, by the Department of Agriculture within the last year. Fish may be weighed in pounds and ounces or in metric; however, metric weights will be converted to pounds and ounces. Estimated weights will not be accepted. The weight of the sling, platform, or rope (if one is used when weighing the fish) must be deducted from the total weight. Only one-ounce graduation will be recognized. Visual fractionizing of graduations is not allowed. Weights that fall between two graduations of the scale must be rounded to the lower of the two. The owner of the scale must provide an address and telephone number.

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- YouTube (www.youtube.com/GeorgiaWildlife)
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OFFICIAL RULES: Angler Award Youth Program

<http://georgiawildlife.com/fishing/anglerawards>

ANGLER AWARD YOUTH PROGRAM

Angler Awards are awarded for kept fish and for catch-and-release fish. Review the following information before applying:

- The Angler Award Program runs from Jan. 1 – Dec. 31. Applications must be received no later than Jan. 15 of the year following the catch.
- Weight and/or Length:** Fish must meet the listed minimum weight or length requirements. See listing on reverse side.
- Measurements:** Fish total length (TL) must be measured with a ruler or tape measure. To determine TL, measure the fish from the tip of the snout to the back of the tail fin with the fin squeezed together.
- Certified Scale:** For kept Angler Award submissions, fish must be weighed on a certified scale. See "Certified Scale" under "GENERAL RULES AND REQUIREMENTS."
- Identification:** A WRD Fisheries Management biologist or technician must identify the actual fish or a photo of fish.
- Catch and Release:** For recognition of catch-and-release fish, include an unobscured, broadside quality photo of the entire fish (for positive fish identification) AND one of the entire fish lying on its side on a flat surface next to a ruler or marked tape. Note—these may be the same photo, provided species and length verifications can be made.

RECOGNITION: Anglers whose fish qualify for an Angler Award will receive a certificate and a hat during January of the year following the catch. Names and photos of Angler Award recipients may be posted on the WRD website, and may be used in social media posts, or released to media or other interested parties.

SUBMIT:

- Email:** Melissa.cummings@dnr.ga.gov
- Hard copy:** Deliver to a local WRD Fisheries Management Office (*Office locations:* <http://georgiawildlife.com/about/contact>) OR mail (Melissa Cummings, Angler Award Program, 2067 US Hwy. 278, SE, Social Circle GA 30025)