Purpose

The Alabama Wildlife Federation’s Governor’s Conservation Achievement Awards are the most prestigious conservation awards in the state. For over 30 years, the awards have been presented to individuals and organizations that make great contributions to the conservation of our wildlife and related natural resources, the natural elements upon which all life depends.

The purpose of the Governor’s Conservation Achievement Awards program is to promote leadership by example and in turn increase conservation of the natural resources of the State of Alabama – its wildlife, forests, soils, water, and air. The program is designed to bring about a greater knowledge and awareness of conservation practices and projects, and to give proper recognition to those persons and organizations that make outstanding contributions to the natural resource welfare of the community and the state.

Award Categories

CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR - To recognize an individual who has excelled in an overall conservation effort or other significant contribution to the conservation of natural resources.

WILDLIFE CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR – To recognize an individual or organization whose outstanding wildlife resource conservation efforts demonstrate commitment and leadership.

FISHERIES CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR - To recognize an individual or organization whose outstanding fisheries resource conservation efforts demonstrate commitment and leadership.

FOREST CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR - To recognize an individual or organization which has demonstrated outstanding leadership in conservation/management of forest resources. Fish and wildlife consideration must have been a major component in the recognized effort.

LAND CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR – To recognize an individual or organization which has demonstrated outstanding achievement in the land conservation arena, including soil resource conservation, watershed planning/management, and/or landscape level conservation efforts.

WATER CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR - To recognize an individual, organization, or agency which has demonstrated outstanding contributions to water resource conservation, whether surface water, ground water or wetlands. Efforts focusing on protection and improvement of water quality are especially important.

AIR CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR - To recognize outstanding efforts of an individual, organization, or agency toward improvement of air quality in Alabama.

CONSERVATION EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR - To recognize outstanding contributions by an individual or organization, whether in the classroom or by other means, to promote conservation education to students, youth, adults, and/or the general public.
CONSERVATION COMMUNICATOR OF THE YEAR - To recognize the outstanding efforts of an individual or organization, including media firms in communicating wildlife and natural resource conservation messaging to the general public.

CONSERVATION ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR - To recognize an authorized officer of the law for outstanding performance in enforcement of laws/regulations to protect Alabama’s fish, wildlife, and/or related natural resources.

LEGISLATIVE CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR - To recognize outstanding commitment to conservation and stewardship of Alabama’s natural resources in legislative matters.

JUDICIAL CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR - To recognize outstanding commitment to natural resource conservation, fish and wildlife, or land, air and water; and a significant contribution to conservation of those resources through judicial action.

HUNTER SAFETY INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR – To recognize an individual or organization for outstanding commitment and service to hunter education and safety instruction.

YOUTH CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR - To recognize outstanding achievement by a youth, having not reached the age of 19 at the time of nomination, in the wildlife and/or related natural resource conservation arenas. Accomplishments may include on-the-ground projects, public awareness, and/or conservation education related endeavors.

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# Past Award Recipients

**Alabama Wildlife Federation’s Governor’s Conservation Achievement Awards**

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City, State, Zip: ________________________________________________

Daytime Phone: _______________________________ Email: ________________________________

Nominator Name: _______________________________________________________________________________

Street Address: ________________________________________________________________________________

City, State, Zip: ________________________________________________

Daytime Phone: _______________________________ Email: ________________________________

Category: (Check only one)

□ Conservationist of the Year
□ Fisheries Conservationist of the Year
□ Land Conservationist of the Year
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□ Conservation Enforcement Officer of the Year
□ Judicial Conservationist of the Year
□ Youth Conservationist of the Year

*The Committee may consider this nomination for other categories as appropriate.

Items to be submitted with Nomination Form

➢ Nomination Letter – Nominator should submit a one-page letter stating why the candidate is deserving of the appropriate Award.

➢ Professional Photo of nominee -preferably a headshot.

➢ Letters of Support – Include two, one-page letters of support from others regarding the candidate.

➢ Documentation of Conservation Activities – Summarize, up to a maximum of three pages, the conservation accomplishments of the candidate.

➢ Attachments – Attachments may include newspaper and magazine articles copied onto 8½ x 11 paper. Maximum of 5 pages on attachment information. DVD’s, Videos, etc. should not be submitted.

➢ Presentation – Staples, notebooks, or other forms of binding should not be used. Simply gem clip this Nomination Form and the above referenced materials together and mail to:

Alabama Wildlife Federation
Governor’s Conservation Achievement Awards
3050 Lanark Rd.
Millbrook, AL  36054

➢ You may also submit by email to Carol Turner (ctawf@alabamawildlife.org) a single PDF file with your completed nomination form and materials in their entirety.

➢ Questions? – Contact the Alabama Wildlife Federation at 1-334-285-4550

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