

Renewable Natural Resources Foundation

2017 Awards Program Call for Nominations



In 1992, the Renewable Natural Resources Foundation established the nation's first awards to honor interdisciplinary achievements in the renewable natural resources fields. The two awards recognized individuals and projects. In 2001, RNRF established a third award to recognize excellence in journalism.

The **Sustained Achievement Award** recognizes a long-term contribution and commitment by an individual to the protection and conservation of natural resources.

The **Outstanding Achievement Award** recognizes a project, publication, piece of legislation, or similar concrete accomplishment.

The **Excellence in Journalism Award** honors and encourages excellence in print journalism about natural resources.

Nomination Guidelines

Selection Criteria Winners of the [Sustained Achievement Award](#) and [Outstanding Achievement Award](#) will be selected based on how well they have:

- a) Advanced the renewable natural resources sciences and public education;
- b) Promoted the application of sound scientific practices in managing and conserving renewable natural resources; and
- c) Fostered coordination and cooperation among professional, scientific, and educational organizations having leadership responsibilities for renewable natural resources.

The [Sustained Achievement Award](#) recognizes a long-term contribution and commitment by an individual to the protection and conservation of natural resources. Only nominees alive at the time of jury deliberations will be considered for this award.

The [Outstanding Achievement Award](#) recognizes a project, publication, piece of legislation, or similar accomplishment. Nominated works must have occurred during the [three years](#) prior to nomination.

The [Excellence in Journalism Award](#) will be judged on the extent to which the work advances public education through dissemination of accurate and scientifically-based information that promotes public understanding of important natural resources issues. The award recognizes print media, including but not limited to: an online report, or an article/feature in a newspaper, magazine, journal, or newsletter. The print media must have been published during the [2016](#) calendar year. Visual media such as films or videos and highly technical publications or proceedings should be nominated for RNRFF's Outstanding Achievement Award.

Required Information Nominations for these awards may be submitted by any individual or organization. Nominations must include the following information:

- a) The nomination category and title of the work to be recognized: Sustained Achievement [individual's name], Outstanding Achievement [project title], or Excellence in Journalism [print media title].
- b) Your name, title, mailing address, telephone number, and email.
- c) Full name of person who would accept the award, present position, organizational affiliation, mailing address, telephone number, and email.
- d) A clear, concise, and complete description of the achievement to be recognized and statement of how the work or individual meets the award criteria (500 words or less).
- e) Eight copies of the work to be recognized and any supporting materials, which may include curriculum vitae (Sustained Achievement Award) or any relevant reports, publications, or similar product.

Restrictions RNRFF member organizations, present and former RNRFF directors, and awards jury member ARE NOT eligible for nomination. Individual members of RNRFF member organizations are eligible.

Deadline Nominations and supporting materials must be [received at RNRFF's office by close-of-business on June 2, 2017](#).

Submit to Program Director, Renewable Natural Resources Foundation
6010 Executive Blvd, 5th Floor, North Bethesda, MD 20852-3827

Additional Information For additional information about RNRFF or the awards program, visit www.rnrff.org, email info@rnrff.org, or call (301) 770-9101.

Previous Recipients

Sustained Achievement Award

- 2016 - Alexander E. MacDonald, Boulder, Colorado
- 2015 - Gerald E. Galloway Jr, College Park, Maryland
- 2014 - Lynn Scarlett, Arlington, Virginia
- 2013 - Albert Arnold "Al" Gore Jr, Nashville, Tennessee
- 2012 - Frederick R. Steiner, Austin, Texas
- 2011 - Richard B. Alley, University Park, Pennsylvania
- 2010 - William H. Schlesinger, Millbrook, New York
- 2009 - Frank H. Wadsworth, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico
- 2008 - William Matuszeski, Washington, District of Columbia
- 2007 - Cecil Lue-Hing, Burr Ridge, Illinois
- 2006 - Heidi Margrit McAllister, Silver Spring, Maryland
- 2005 - V. Phillip Rasmussen Jr., Logan, Utah
- 2004 - L. Pete Heard, Madison, Mississippi
- 2003 - Michael P. Dombeck, Stevens Point, Wisconsin
- 2002 - Edward O. Wilson, Cambridge, Massachusetts
- 2001 - John Cairns Jr., Blacksburg, Virginia
- 2000 - William J. Carroll, Pasadena, California
- 1999 - Jack Ward Thomas, Missoula, Montana
- 1998 - Jane Lubchenco, Corvallis, Oregon
- 1997 - William B. Stapp, Ann Arbor, Michigan
- 1996 - William M. Lewis Jr., Boulder, Colorado
- 1995 - William E. Larson, St. Paul, Minnesota
- 1994 - E. William Anderson, Lake Oswego, Oregon
- 1993 - Marion Clawson, Washington, District of Columbia
- 1992 - Gilbert F. White, Boulder, Colorado

Outstanding Achievement Award

- 2016 - The National Disaster Resilience Competition
- 2015 - Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program
- 2014 - Sustainability: Water
- 2013 - Chasing Ice
- 2012 - Changing Planet
- 2011 - LEED for Neighborhood Development
- 2010 - Michigan's Water Withdrawal Assessment Process
- 2009 - Dig It! The Secrets of Soil, Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History
- 2008 - Integrated Ecosystem Restoration and Hurricane Protection: Louisiana's Comprehensive Master Plan for a Sustainable Coast
- 2007 - National Coastal Assessment
- 2006 - Putting Communities in Charge, NEMO
- 2005 - Life at the Water's Edge
- 2004 - The Heinz Center's State of the Nation's Ecosystems
- 2003 - Seafood Lover's Almanac
- 2002 - Natural Resources Leadership Course for Extension Agents, Texas A&M
- 2001 - Stream Corridor Restoration: Principles, Processes, and Practices
- 2000 - Snow Goose/Arctic Ecosystem Education Initiative
- 1999 - Guest River Restoration Project
- 1998 - New Jersey Shore Cleanup Project
- 1997 - Bruneau River Elk Management National Demonstration Area
- 1996 - Florida Marine Spill Analysis System
- 1995 - Manatee Messages Educational Video
- 1994 - Continental Conservation Plan
- 1993 - Illinois Rivers Project
- 1992 - Water Resources Education Initiative

Excellence in Journalism Award

- 2016 - "The Elements of Power: Gadgets, Guns, and the Struggle for a Sustainable Future in the Rare Metal Age," David S. Abraham
- 2015 - "Louisiana Loses Its Boot," Brett Anderson, *Medium*
- 2014 - "Mahogany's Last Stand," Scott Wallace, *National Geographic Magazine*
- 2013 - *Dirty, Sacred Rivers: Confronting South Asia's Water Crisis*, Cheryl Colopy
- 2012 - "Reversing 300 years of damage," Timothy B. Wheeler, *The Baltimore Sun*
- 2011 - *Growing Up WILD: Exploring Nature with Young Children Ages 3-7*, Council for Environmental Education
- 2010 - *The Chesapeake Watershed: A Sense of Place and a Call to Action*, Ned Tillman
- 2009 - "Invasive Species of Oregon," *Statesman Journal* (Salem, OR)
- 2008 - "Fueling Iowa's Future: Biofuels," *The Des Moines Register*
- 2007 - *Platte River Odyssey*, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- 2006 - "Crude Awakening," *The Plain Dealer* (Cleveland, OH)
- 2005 - "Invaded Waters," Tom Meersman, *The Minneapolis Star Tribune*
- 2004 - "Toxic Air: Lingering Health Menace," Jim Bruggers, *The Courier-Journal* (Louisville, KY)
- 2003 - "Our Troubled Sound," *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*
- 2002 - "Georgia's Disappearing Songbirds," Charles Seabrook, *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*
- 2001 - *Bay Journal*, Karl Blankenship, editor; Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay

About RNRF

The Renewable Natural Resources Foundation (RNRF) is an I.R.C. §501(c)(3) nonprofit, public policy research organization founded in 1972. The mission of RNRF is to advance the application of science in decision-making, promote interdisciplinary collaboration, and educate policymakers and the public on managing and conserving renewable natural resources.

RNRF Member Organizations

American Geophysical Union

American Meteorological Society

American Society of Civil Engineers

American Society of Landscape Architects

American Water Resources Association

Geological Society of America

Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry

Society of Wood Science and Technology

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