



# 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL NATIONAL WETLANDS AWARDS

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## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

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The National Wetlands Awards recognize leaders across the country with unparalleled contributions to wetlands protection, restoration, research, or education. A selection committee representing federal, state, and local government, nonprofits, academia, the private sector, and past winners, determines award recipients. The Environmental Law Institute administers these Awards, with support from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Wetlands Inventory, U.S. Forest Service, NOAA Marine Fisheries, and Federal Highway Administration.

### Nomination Process Timeline

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#### **Nomination Period**

Submit Initial Application Form to nominate individual for National Wetlands Awards

**Closes Friday December 14 2018**

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#### **Selection of Finalists**

Nominators of finalists will be contacted for additional application information

February 2019

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#### **Announcement of Winners**

April 2019

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#### **30<sup>th</sup> Annual National Wetlands Awards**

U.S. Botanic Garden in Washington DC

Tuesday May 7 2019

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### Eligibility

Only individuals—not organizations—are eligible to be nominated for an award. Federal employees are not eligible. Retired federal employees are not eligible for any work or volunteer efforts done during the time they were employed by a federal agency. Self-nominations are not allowed. Projects not currently in compliance with the Clean Water Act or similar state or local statutes are not eligible.

### Contact ELI

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact [wetlands@eli.org](mailto:wetlands@eli.org) or contact Azi Akpan at (202) 939-3255 or [akpan@eli.org](mailto:akpan@eli.org).

## Nomination Categories

Awards may be given for individuals in the following categories. Please mark **ONLY ONE** category as the area that best describes your nominee's work. For examples of previous recipients, please visit [www.nationalwetlandsawards.org](http://www.nationalwetlandsawards.org).

- (1) **Conservation & Restoration:** This award is presented to an individual who has accomplished the conservation and/or restoration of significant wetland resources through the use of on-the-ground restoration, management, or conservation methods on public or private lands.
- (2) **Education & Outreach:** This award is presented to a teacher, nonprofit organization staffer, state/local government employee, artist/film maker, reporter, or other individuals involved in wetland education or outreach.
- (3) **Landowner Stewardship:** This award is presented to a private landowner who, while using his or her private land for farming, forestry activities, ranching, or development, voluntarily helps restore, protect, or minimize impacts to wetlands.
- (4) **Science Research:** This award is presented to an academic, consultant, or individual leading scientific research on wetland values and functions, restoration, or enhancement.
- (5) **State, Tribal, & Local Program Development:** This award is presented to a state, tribal, or local government employee, who has developed and administered an outstanding wetland program.
- (6) **Business Leadership:** This award is presented to an individual who, through the course of their work in the private sector, has made a substantial contribution to wetland programs, sustainable wetland practices, or in other ways advance wetlands protection through their business.

**NEW! 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lifetime Achievement Award:** In honor of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Wetlands Awards, this special award category recognizes an individual with a career that exemplifies long-term commitment to wetlands protection and conservation. *Note: There is no need to apply for this category, as all nominees are automatically considered for this award. For example, if you nominate for "Science Research", your candidate will be considered for both "Science Research" and the "30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lifetime Achievement Award."*

## INITIAL NOMINATION FORM

Initial Nomination Forms must be received no later than Friday December 14, 2018.

OPTION 1: Fill out the online version of the Initial Nomination Form [HERE](#)

OPTION 2: Fill in the form below and email as a SINGLE PDF to [wetlands@eli.org](mailto:wetlands@eli.org)

YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION	NOMINEE CONTACT INFORMATION
Name	Name
Affiliation	Affiliation
Mailing Address (City, State, Zip)	Mailing Address (City, State, Zip)
Telephone	Telephone
Email	Email

### NOMINATION CATEGORY (Select ONE)

Conservation and Restoration

Science Research

Education and Outreach

State, Tribal, and Local Program Development

Landowner Stewardship

Business Leadership

Note: All nominees will be considered for the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lifetime Achievement Award. There is no need to apply specifically for this category.

### SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS (800 words max, submit Initial Form as SINGLE PDF)

Nominators should provide a summary of the nominee's accomplishments and an explanation for why those accomplishments are significant. Nominators may wish to include the following in their summary of accomplishments:

- A description of the projects and/or activities in which the nominee has been involved, including a description of where the projects and/or activities took place, how many acres and what types of wetlands were affected, whether the projects and/or activities are complete or are in process, and the nominee's contribution to the projects and/or activities.
- A description of the significance of the projects and/or activities at the local, state, national, or international level.
- An explanation of why the nominee merits recognition (e.g., did the nominee exceed expectations? Did the nominee devote personal time? Has the nominee achieved extraordinary results?).