

National Conservation Achievement Award Categories

Awards are presented in 13 categories to capture the wide range of efforts that benefit wildlife and the cause of conservation.

Affiliate of the Year: Recognizes National Wildlife Federation affiliate organizations for conservation accomplishments and contributions to collaborative efforts with National Wildlife Federation and its supporters.

Communications: Honors journalists and filmmakers, artists and musicians, who use their talents to inspire and empower conservation understanding and action.

Conservationist of the Year: Recognizing extraordinary achievement in Conservation, we bestow this award on an individual whose accomplishments on behalf of conservation are exemplary and distinguished.

Corporate Leadership: Recognizes businesses or business leaders for specific, exceptional contributions to the cause of conservation.

Education: Honors educators who use traditional or innovative means to impart environmental awareness and understanding of the natural world to students of all ages.

Government: Salutes outstanding individuals who have harnessed the powers of local, state or federal agencies for the benefit of wildlife, wild places and a healthy environment.

International: Recognized contributions that primarily benefit natural resources outside the United States.

Legal/Legislative: Honors those who have made special use of the law or of elected office to protect or restore the environment or natural resources.

Organization: Presented to groups (other than National Wildlife Federation affiliates) whose primary mission and focus lead to substantial conservation achievements.

Philanthropy: Recognizes individuals or organizations whose substantial and sustained financial contributions support conservation and encourage others to follow their lead.

Science: Honors those whose research, discoveries, expertise or leadership in scientific disciplines have or will advance the cause of wildlife and natural resource conservation.

Youth: Recognizes the special conservation achievements of young people.

Special Achievement: Honors a single, exemplary conservation accomplishment or sustained conservation commitment and accomplishment that does not fit any other categories.