



Wild Sheep Foundation, Inc.

Service Awards & Criteria

The purpose of this document is to identify all the Wild Sheep Foundation (WSF) Service Awards. This document is organized as follows:

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Objectives

The Service Awards Program is designed to recognize outstanding contributions to WSF, the WSF mission, and/or conservation, with special emphasis on the Caprinae species. Winners of the service awards each serve, in their own way, as role models for the WSF Mission Statement and the values contained therein.

Administration

The WSF Service Awards Committee, which includes a WSF Awards Coordinator, administers this program. This Committee will be responsible for the selection of various winners with the exception of the following awards:

- Artemis – The WSF Board may appoint a special committee
- The Wild Sheep Biologists Wall of Fame Award – Kevin Hurley determines the winner
- Chairman’s Award(s) – The WSF President/CEO and Chairman determine the winner(s)
- Frank Golata Outstanding Outfitter Award – The WSF Board appoints a special committee.
- G. C. F. Dalziel Outstanding Guide - Arlene and Bob Hanson chair a Board approved committee to determine the winner
- International Outfitter of the Year – The WSF Hunting Awards Committee determines the winner

- International Guide of the Year - The WSF Hunting Awards Committee determines the winner

General Requirements

Unless otherwise specified, Service Award winners must be WSF members in good standing and must attend the WSF Convention to receive their awards.

Nomination Deadline: November 1st

Service Awards

The WSF Service Awards are:

- Artemis
- Grass Roots
- Wild Sheep Biologist Wall of Fame
- Outstanding Achievement
- State/Province/International Statesman
- Outstanding Conservationist
- Chairman's
- Frank Golata Outstanding Outfitter
- G. C. F. Dalziel Outstanding Guide
- International Outfitter of the Year
- International Guide of the Year

Artemis Award – Outstanding Woman Conservationist

Purpose

The Artemis award is presented annually to an outstanding WSF woman leader, conservationist and hunter who have made significant contributions to WSF, the WSF mission, and wildlife conservation.

Criteria

The following factors will be considered:

- Contribution and volunteerism to the Wild Sheep Foundation and/or the Wild Sheep Foundation's Chapters & Affiliates
- Participation in on-the-ground work projects
- Role model for other women in the outdoors
- A hunter

- Active in the promotion of ethical hunting and in particular, sheep and mountain game hunting

Nomination Process

Nominations are solicited from the general membership.

Selection Process

A committee is appointed by the Board of Directors on an annual basis. The committee determines the winner; Board approval is required.

Nomination Deadline

Nominations are due by November 1st.

Grass Roots Award

Purpose

The late Gordon Eastman of "Eastman's Outdoor World" created the "Grass Roots Award" to be presented at the WSF Annual Convention. His intention was to honor the hard-working members of our Chapters and Affiliates that get almost no recognition for their unending work toward the existence of North American wild sheep.

Criteria

The selection criteria are intentionally broad. The awardees are intended to be the unsung heroes of the Chapters and Affiliates. Those who are the mainstays of the organization and consistently contribute through dedication and hard work but neither expect, nor have received, recognition for their efforts.

Nomination Process

Each Chapter and Affiliate is requested to submit a single nominate. Submissions should include:

- Individual's name, address, phone number and a picture
- Name of organization submitting nomination
- Nominee resume including description of the activities that support the nomination. Keep in mind that the "Grass Roots Award" is just that, a person who is not recognized by fame or fortune, but by sincere hard work dedicated to his/her Chapter or Affiliate

Selection Process

A committee is appointed by the Board of Directors on an annual basis. The committee determines the winner; Board approval is not required.

Nomination Deadline

Nominations are due by November 1st.

The Wild Sheep Biologists Wall of Fame Award

Purpose

Established in 2007 and sponsored by Kevin, Gretchen and Kyle Hurley of Cody, Wyoming, this award is intended to recognize the recipient based on their scientific contributions to the enhancement of North America's wild sheep and to honor those that have dedicated their lives to ensure the health and welfare of wild sheep.

Criteria

The selection criteria are intentionally broad. The awardees are intended to be members of the scientific community who had dedicated their lives to the preservation of wild sheep.

Nomination Process

Nominations are solicited from the general membership, as well as, the Conservation Committee and the Professional Resource Advisory Board (PRAB).

Selection Process

Kevin Hurley (the sponsor and WSF Senior Conservation Director) will determine the annual winner.

Nomination Deadline

Nominations are due by November 1st.

Recognition

The recipient will be recognized at a banquet event and will be presented a plaque stating their accomplishments. The recipient's name will also be added to the "Wild Sheep Biologists Wall of Fame" listing at the WSF Headquarters.

Outstanding Achievement Award(s)

Purpose

The Outstanding Achievement Award is presented to those WSF members who have made outstanding contributions to wildlife conservation.

Criteria

The selection criteria are intentionally broad. The awardees are intended to be members who have made significant contributions to wildlife conservation.

Nomination Process

Nominations are solicited from the general membership, as well as, the Conservation Committee and the Professional Resource Advisory Board (PRAB).

Selection Process

A committee is appointed by the Board of Directors on an annual basis. The committee determines the winner(s); Board approval is not required.

Nomination Deadline

Nominations are due by November 1st.

State/Province/International Statesman Award(s)

Purpose

The State/Province/International Statesman Award is presented to government officials for their outstanding contributions to wild sheep conservation.

Criteria

The selection criteria are intentionally broad. The awardees are intended to be members who have made significant contributions to wildlife conservation.

Nomination Process

Nominations are solicited from the general membership, as well as, the Conservation Committee and the Professional Resource Advisory Board (PRAB).

Selection Process

A committee is appointed by the Board of Directors on an annual basis. The committee determines the winner(s); Board approval is not required.

Nomination Deadline

Nominations are due by November 1st.

Outstanding Conservationist Award(s)

Purpose

The Outstanding Conservationist Award is presented to WSF members for their outstanding contributions to wildlife conservation.

Criteria

The selection criteria are intentionally broad. The awardees are intended to be members who have made significant contributions to wildlife conservation.

Nomination Process

Nominations are solicited from the general membership, as well as, the Conservation Committee and the Professional Resource Advisory Board (PRAB).

Selection Process

A committee is appointed by the Board of Directors on an annual basis. The committee determines the winner(s); Board approval is not required.

Nomination Deadline

Nominations are due by November 1st.

Chairman's Award(s)

Purpose

This award allows the Chairman of the Wild Sheep Foundation to recognize a member or members for their outstanding contributions to the Foundation, the Convention or other Foundation programs; wild sheep and wildlife conservation; or other contributions to the hunting and conservation community.

Criteria

The selection criteria are intentionally broad. The awardees are intended to be members who have made significant contributions to WSF and WSF's mission.

Nomination Process

Nominations are solicited from the general membership.

Selection Process

The Chairman and President determine the winner(s). Board approval is not required.

Nomination/Selection Timeline

Nominations are due by October 1st and the selection of a winner(s) is due October 15th.

Frank Golata Outstanding Outfitter Award

Purpose

Established in 1996, the Frank Golata Award recognizes a North American outfitter, who outfits primarily for mountain game, whose entire career has exemplified the honor and dignity of the proud profession of outfitting.

Criteria

The following factors will be considered:

- Long time outfitter in good standing that is actively outfitting clients
- Financial contribution to National WSF (Donations, sponsorship, etc.)
- Volunteer efforts to WSF (convention, committees, etc.)
- Personal contribution to WSF and industry (Financial and time)
- Long time and consistent WSF exhibitor
- Dedication and commitment to WSF and its mission and purpose

Nomination Process

Nominations are solicited from the general membership.

Selection Process

A committee is appointed by the Board of Directors on an annual basis. The committee will include at least two (2) prior Golata Award winners. The committee determines the winner; Board approval is not required.

Nomination Deadline

Nominations are due by November 1st.

G. C. F. Dalziel Outstanding Guide Award

Purpose

The WSF Outstanding Guide Award is presented annually to a North American guide (one who is not an outfitter); preference will be given to a sheep guide.

Criteria

The following factors will be considered:

- A deep commitment to high ethical standards and sportsmanship.
- The esteem in which the guide is held by his/her, the hunting community, and his/her peers.
- Consistent willingness to go the last mile to ensure a quality hunting experience for his/her clients.

- Knowledge of the country that he/she hunts and the wild game animals inhabiting that country.
- An unfailing sense of humor.
- A work ethic and dedication to the health, safety, and well-being of his/her clients.

The guide does not have to be a current member of WSF, but should be encouraged to join by their nominators.

Nomination Process

Nominations are solicited from the general membership.

Selection Process

Dalziel Award Committee to determine the winner; Board approval is not required.

Nomination Deadline

Nominations are due by November 1st.

Sponsorship

The annual *G.C.F. Dalziel Outstanding Guide Award* is made possible through the sponsorship of WSF Life Members Arlene & Bob Hanson.

International Outfitter of the Year

Purpose

This award is reserved for those International Outfitters who specialize in hunting the Caprinae species and who are recognized as icons in their profession.

Criteria

To be considered for the award an International outfitter must:

- Be a member of WSF
- Have contributed significantly to WSF, hunting, and/or conservation
- Enjoy a sterling reputation within the hunting community, WSF, and the International Outfitting community.

Nomination Process

Nominations are solicited from the general membership.

Selection Process

This award will only be given if warranted. No more than one award will be given in a year. The selection process and timelines associated with this award are as follows. Nominations will be solicited from the WSF membership and provided to the

International Awards Committee no later than four (4) months prior to the convention. The International Awards Committee will select a winner no later than three (3) months prior to the convention. In general, we will require the awardee to be present at the convention to receive the award. This timeline gives us three (3) months to contact the person to ensure they will attend and to make alternate plans if they will not.

Nomination Deadline

Nominations are due by November 1st.

International Guide of the Year

Purpose

This award is reserved for those International Guides who specialize in hunting the Caprinae species and who are recognized as icons within the international hunting community.

Criteria

To be considered for the award a guide must be recommended by a member of the WSF and cannot be an outfitter. In selection of a winner the following will be considered:

- A commitment to high ethical standards and sportsmanship
- The esteem in which the guide is held by the hunting community and his/her peers
- The willingness to go the last mile to ensure a quality hunting experience for his/her clients
- Knowledge of the country that he/she hunts and the wild game animals in habiting that country
- An unfailing sense of humor
- A high work ethic and dedication to the health, safety, and well-being of his/her clients.

Nomination Process

Nominations are solicited from the general membership.

Selection Process

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