

# Renewable Natural Resources Foundation

## 2018 Awards Program Call for Nominations



In 1992, the Renewable Natural Resources Foundation (RNRF) 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. Award winners will receive public recognition and a crystal tower from RNRF and its member organizations, to be presented at RNRF's annual meeting in the Washington, D.C. area.

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. Visual media such as films or videos and highly technical publications or proceedings are eligible for this award.

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: an online report, or an article/feature in a newspaper, magazine, journal, or newsletter. The print media must have been published during the [2017](#) calendar year. General interest books are not eligible.

## 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

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

## Deadline

Nominations and supporting materials must be [received at RNRF's office by close-of-business on June 1, 2018](#).

## Submit to

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

## Additional Information

For additional information about RNRF or the awards program, visit [www.rnrf.org](http://www.rnrf.org), email [info@rnrf.org](mailto:info@rnrf.org), or call (301) 770-9101.

# Previous Recipients

## Sustained Achievement Award

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| 2017 - Rattan Lal, Columbus, Ohio                           | 2004 - L. Pete Heard, Madison, Mississippi              |
| 2016 - Alexander E. MacDonald, Boulder, Colorado            | 2003 - Michael P. Dombeck, Stevens Point, Wisconsin     |
| 2015 - Gerald E. Galloway Jr, College Park, Maryland        | 2002 - Edward O. Wilson, Cambridge, Massachusetts       |
| 2014 - Lynn Scarlett, Arlington, Virginia                   | 2001 - John Cairns Jr., Blacksburg, Virginia            |
| 2013 - Albert Arnold "Al" Gore Jr, Nashville, Tennessee     | 2000 - William J. Carroll, Pasadena, California         |
| 2012 - Frederick R. Steiner, Austin, Texas                  | 1999 - Jack Ward Thomas, Missoula, Montana              |
| 2011 - Richard B. Alley, University Park, Pennsylvania      | 1998 - Jane Lubchenco, Corvallis, Oregon                |
| 2010 - William H. Schlesinger, Millbrook, New York          | 1997 - William B. Stapp, Ann Arbor, Michigan            |
| 2009 - Frank H. Wadsworth, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico         | 1996 - William M. Lewis Jr., Boulder, Colorado          |
| 2008 - William Matuszeski, Washington, District of Columbia | 1995 - William E. Larson, St. Paul, Minnesota           |
| 2007 - Cecil Lue-Hing, Burr Ridge, Illinois                 | 1994 - E. William Anderson, Lake Oswego, Oregon         |
| 2006 - Heidi Margrit McAllister, Silver Spring, Maryland    | 1993 - Marion Clawson, Washington, District of Columbia |
| 2005 - V. Phillip Rasmussen Jr., Logan, Utah                | 1992 - Gilbert F. White, Boulder, Colorado              |

## Outstanding Achievement Award

- 2017 - USA National Phenology Network's Start of Spring Maps and Access Tools (*accepted by the USA National Phenology Network*)
- 2016 - The National Disaster Resilience Competition (*accepted by U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Rockefeller Foundation as a collaborator*)
- 2015 - Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program (*accepted by U.S. Forest Service*)
- 2014 - Sustainability: Water (*accepted by NBC Learn in partnership with National Science Foundation*)
- 2013 - Chasing Ice (*accepted by Jeff Orlowski*)
- 2012 - Changing Planet (*accepted by NBC Learn/NBC News in partnership with National Science Foundation and Discover Magazine*)
- 2011 - LEED for Neighborhood Development (*accepted by U.S. Green Building Council*)
- 2010 - Michigan's Water Withdrawal Assessment Process (*accepted by Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment*)
- 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 (*accepted by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*)
- 2006 - Putting Communities in Charge (*accepted by Cooperative Extension at University of Connecticut*)
- 2005 - Life at the Water's Edge (*accepted by Cooperative Extension at Clemson University*)
- 2004 - The State of the Nation's Ecosystems (*accepted by H. John Heinz III Center for Science, Economics and the Environment*)
- 2003 - Seafood Lover's Almanac (*accepted by National Audubon Society*)
- 2002 - Natural Resources Leadership Course for Extension Agents (*accepted by Cooperative Extension at Texas A&M University*)
- 2001 - Stream Corridor Restoration: Principles, Processes, and Practices (*accepted by a consortium of federal agencies*)
- 2000 - Snow Goose/Arctic Ecosystem Education Initiative (*accepted by Ducks Unlimited*)
- 1999 - Guest River Restoration Project (*accepted by USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service*)
- 1998 - New Jersey Shore Cleanup Project (*accepted by a public/private partnership*)
- 1997 - Bruneau River Elk Management National Demonstration Area (*accepted by Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation*)
- 1996 - Florida Marine Spill Analysis System (*accepted by Florida Department of Environmental Protection*)
- 1995 - Manatee Messages Educational Video (*accepted by Save the Manatee Club*)
- 1994 - Continental Conservation Plan (*accepted by Ducks Unlimited*)
- 1993 - Illinois Rivers Project (*accepted by Illinois River Project, Inc.*)
- 1992 - Water Resources Education Initiative (*accepted by a consortium of nonprofits and federal agencies*)

## **Excellence in Journalism Award**

- 2017 - Anthropocene, the magazine, Colorado Global Hub of Future Earth  
2016 - *The Elements of Power: Gadgets, Guns, and the Struggle for a Sustainable Future in the Rare Metal Age*, by 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 RNRFF**

The Renewable Natural Resources Foundation (RNRFF) is an I.R.C. §501(c)(3) nonprofit, public policy research organization founded in 1972. The mission of RNRFF 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.

## **RNRFF Member Organizations**

- American Geophysical Union  
American Meteorological Society  
American Society of Civil Engineers  
American Society of Landscape Architects Fund  
American Water Resources Association  
Geological Society of America  
Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry

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