

The Society of American Foresters Honorary Membership Award

PURPOSE: To recognize individuals whose contributions to forestry are viewed as outstanding by their peers.

AWARD CRITERIA: Honorary Members are individuals who have rendered distinguished service to forestry through development, diffusion and application of forestry knowledge, advancement and benefit of the welfare of society through forestry, and development of society's awareness of forestry. There shall be two alternate qualifications for Honorary Member:

1. Leaders who are not professional foresters but who have made outstanding and well-known contributions to forestry in America or abroad. Civic leaders and conservationists who have so contributed shall be eligible for Honorary Member.
2. Foresters from countries other than the United States, its possessions, Canada, or Mexico who have made outstanding professional contributions to forestry.

In general, American (domestic) candidates should be sufficiently outstanding that their contributions to forestry are well known to the Committee on Professional Recognition and to Council. International nominees (outside of the U.S.) should be recognized as outstanding by their peers and should be known to members of the Committee on World Forestry.

NOMINATION: The nominator must submit by February 28, for the award that year, the following information on behalf of the nominee to National Awards, Society of American Foresters, 5400 Grosvenor Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814-2198. The nomination packet must include:

- Nominations (domestic and international) must include three letters of endorsement including reference to the award criteria
- A biographical sketch (not to exceed three pages) that also references the award criteria (achievements, special awards or honors, and a listing of outstanding contributions to forestry).
- Nomination form – available from the SAF National Office or the SAF website (www.safnet.org).

A copy of the domestic honorary member's nomination will be forwarded by the national office to the local SAF state or multi-state society executive committee where the candidate resides and the unit from which the nomination originated. It is the responsibility of this executive committee, should they wish, to prepare a letter to the committee expressing support or concern for conferring domestic honorary membership status.

Unsuccessful candidates may be renominated by letter providing any updated material. Award criteria must still be met at the time of renomination. *The SAF National Office will*

only contact the nominee if chosen to be the award recipient. All other communications will be directed to the nominator.

AWARD DESCRIPTION/PRESENTATION: The award is presented during an awards ceremony at the SAF national convention and consists of a certificate and lifetime membership in the Society of American Foresters.