

## Young Forester Leadership Award

### **PURPOSE:**

To recognize outstanding leadership by a young forestry professional in the development and promotion of an individual program or project, or for a sustained leadership role benefiting the practice of forestry and the Society of American Foresters.

### **BACKGROUND:**

Established by the SAF Council in 1984 following a recommendation by SAF's House of Society Delegates.

### **AWARD CRITERIA:**

The Young Forester Leadership Award recognizes “outstanding leadership by a young forestry professional in the development and promotion of an individual program or project, or for a sustained leadership role benefiting the practice of forestry and the Society of American Foresters.”

Evaluation will be based on:

1. Under 40 years of age at close of nomination due date
2. Outstanding leadership in the profession
3. Outstanding leadership in SAF
4. Sustained leadership roles benefiting the practice of 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. Information can also be submitted by email to [delaneyk@safnet.org](mailto:delaneyk@safnet.org)

The nomination packet should include:

- A biographical sketch (not to exceed three pages) that references the award criteria (1-4).
- Three letters of endorsement addressing the award criteria (2-4).
- Nomination form – available from the SAF National Office or the SAF website ([www.safnet.org](http://www.safnet.org)).

Unsuccessful candidates may be re-nominated by letter providing any updated material. All award criteria must still be met at the time of re-nomination. The nomination packets will be reviewed by the national Committee on Professional Recognition. *The SAF National Office will contact the nominee only if chosen to be the award recipient. All other corresponds will be directed to the nominator.*

### **AWARD DESCRIPTION/PRESENTATION:**

The award is presented at the annual awards ceremony at the SAF national convention. The recipient will receive an engraved award and a cash honorarium of \$500. Complimentary convention registration is provided and up to \$500 is available to cover travel expenses and accommodations for the award recipient.

### **PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS:**

1985	Gary Miller	1990	Steven D. Tesch
1986	Gary A. Moll	1991	Adela Backiel
1987	Timothy M. Cooney	1992	Steven Anderson
1988	Richard A. Fletcher	1993	V. Alaric Sample
1989	Jane A. Difley	1994	Robert G. Sturtevant

1995 Zane J Cornett  
1996 John M. Hancock  
1997 Valerie A. Luzadis  
1998 Laura Falk McCarthy  
1999 Rick L. Cantrell  
2000 Michael A. Virga  
2001 Stephanie A. Brown  
2002 Michael T. Goergen, Jr.  
2003 No Recipient  
2004 Dan Goerlich  
2005 Michael J. Mortimer  
2006 Dylan H. Jenkins, CF  
2007 Shibu Jose  
2008 Greg A. Scheerer, CF  
2009 Gregory S. Meade  
2010 Matthew W. McBroom, CF  
2011 Tamara L. Cushing