

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 March 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 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).

Unsuccessful candidates may be renominated by letter providing any updated material. All award criteria must still be met at the time of renomination. 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 Gregory S. Meade