



Conservation Achievement Awards Guidelines

Each year thousands of Canadians demonstrate their commitment to wildlife conservation through active involvement. They may be volunteers, professionals, or people simply concerned about the quality of life in Canada. Their actions contribute toward the conservation of our country's natural heritage for the benefit and enjoyment of future generations.

The Canadian Wildlife Federation established the Canadian Conservation Achievement Awards Program in 1975 to honour outstanding individuals and organizations whose achievements in the field of wildlife conservation deserve recognition.

Nominations open November 1 and close January 31 annually.

We invite you to participate in our program by nominating a deserving candidate for a prestigious Canadian Conservation Achievement Award.

All nominations for Canadian Conservation Achievement Awards are evaluated by an Awards Committee. The awards are presented each June at the CWF Annual General Meeting.

AWARDS CATEGORIES

ROLAND MICHENER CONSERVATION AWARD Conservation in Action

The Roland Michener Conservation Award was established in 1978 by the Canadian Wildlife Federation as a tribute to the former governor general of Canada, the Right Honourable Roland Michener, an outstanding outdoors person and past honorary president of CWF.

Eligibility | Any individual who has demonstrated a commitment to conservation through effective and responsible activities that promote, enhance and further the conservation of Canada's natural resources is eligible for this award.

RODERICK HAIG-BROWN AWARD Conservation through Fisheries

In recognition of its role in developing a strong national voice for the recreational use of Canada's fisheries resources, the Canadian Wildlife Federation established the Roderick Haig-Brown Award in 1985. This award honours one of Canada's greatest outdoors person and writers on outdoor topics.

Eligibility | Any individual who has made a significant contribution to furthering the sport of angling and/or the conservation, development and wise use of Canada's recreational fisheries is eligible for this award.

PAST PRESIDENTS' CANADIAN LEGISLATOR AWARD

Canadian Legislators in Action

The Past Presidents' Canadian Legislator Award was established in 1988 by the past presidents of the Canadian Wildlife Federation. This award is presented annually to an elected legislator in recognition of a significant contribution toward the conservation of wildlife in Canada.

Eligibility | Any individual who is a provincial, territorial, or federal elected legislator and who has made a significant contribution to the conservation of wildlife in Canada is eligible for this award.

DOUG CLARKE MEMORIAL AWARD

Outstanding Affiliate Conservation Project

CWF introduced the Doug Clarke Memorial Award in 1982 in memory of Dr. C.H.D. "Doug" Clarke. Dr. Clarke devoted his career to the philosophy, science and art of wildlife management throughout the world. At the time of his death in 1981, he was a director of the Canadian Wildlife Federation.

This award is presented to a Canadian Wildlife Federation affiliate for the most outstanding conservation project completed during the previous year by the affiliate, its clubs, or its members.

Eligibility | Any conservation project that was completed during the previous year by any Canadian Wildlife Federation affiliate, its clubs, or its members is eligible for this award. To be eligible, a project must be submitted by an affiliate. Details of a project must include a concise description of its purpose, activities, extent of participation by individuals, project costs and duration of the project, results achieved and a summary of how the project benefited wildlife.

STAN HODGKISS CANADIAN OUTDOORSPERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD

Canadian Outdoorsperson of the Year

Each year since 1975, the Canadian Outdoors person of the year Award has been presented to an outstanding individual in the field of conservation. The award has since been renamed in honour of the CWF founding president Stan Hodgkiss.

Eligibility | Any Canadian outdoors person who has demonstrated an active commitment to conservation in Canada is eligible for this award. All nominations must include a summary of outdoor and conservation activities and involvements as well as a brief biography.

WADE LUZNY YOUTH CONSERVATION AWARD

Youth in Action

The Wade Luzny Youth Conservation Award recognizes youth and/or youth groups and their leaders who have undertaken wildlife, habitat, and conservation projects or activities.

Eligibility | Any Canadian youth and/or youth group and their leader who have participated in a wildlife conservation project or activity in the previous year. Nominations must include a summary of the project or activity including information about the group, its members, and leader. Effective Nov. 1, 2024 this award is for youth 18 and under at the time of nomination or for groups serving youth 18 and under.

YOUTH MENTOR AWARD

Conservation Mentors

This award is to honour an individual or group that creates, presents or encourages Conservation, Habitat or Wildlife Programs to the Youth of Canada.

Eligibility | Any individual or group who has made significant contribution in creating or presenting programs that are dedicated toward Youth in introducing the importance of Conservation, Habitat or Wildlife.

ROBERT BATEMAN AWARD

Conservation in the Arts

In commemoration of its 50th anniversary, CWF established "The Robert Bateman Award" to recognize an individual or group who has furthered the awareness of and/or appreciation for Canada's wildlife and habitats through artistic expression.

Eligibility | Any individual or group that brings awareness to conservation through an artistic means is eligible for this award. Artistic expression includes but is not limited to; painting, sculpture, photography, writing, song and choreography.

WILD EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Conservation through Education

The WILD Educator Award was established in 2015 with its first recipient to be awarded in 2016. This award is to honour an exceptional WILD Education facilitator or instructor.

Eligibility | Any WILD Education facilitator or instructor who utilizes CWF's education programming (Project WILD, Below Zero, WILD About Sports) to provide innovative and meaningful experiences for youth that focus on wildlife and the building of a conservation ethic.