



The Louisiana Wildlife Federation is now accepting nominations for the 46th annual Governor's Conservation Achievement Awards. The awards program seeks to recognize those individuals, organizations and businesses that have made a significant and outstanding contribution toward the protection and wise use of the state's natural resources – its air, soil and minerals; its forests, waters and wildlife.

There are 8 award categories for which nominations can be made. The deadline for submitting nominations is February 2, 2010. Self nominations are welcome. Nominees are encouraged to cooperate in providing adequate background information in support of their nomination. We urge you to bring your accomplishments, or those of others, to the public's attention through this program.

Awards will be presented at a special Saturday evening recognition banquet to be held in conjunction with the Louisiana Wildlife Federation's 71st annual convention, February 27, 2010, at Cypress Bend Resort in Many, Louisiana.

A description of the award categories, rules, procedures and other details of the program follows.

(Note: Visit www.lawildlifefed.org for tips on creating a nomination and to see a sample of a winning nomination as well as examples of the work of previous award winners.)

Award Categories

Category # 1 – **PROFESSIONAL**

For outstanding accomplishments by a person who, in a professional capacity, has made a significant contribution to the management, enhancement, or protection of Louisiana's fish, wildlife, air, water, soil or forest resources, or related recreational opportunities. (For the purpose of this category, a professional is a person who receives compensation for the work that has resulted in the accomplishments for which s/he has been nominated. Professionals include, but are not limited to, persons employed in natural resource conservation/environmental quality fields, including biologists/technicians, planners, enforcement officers, administrators, researchers, advocates, etc.)

Category # 2 – **VOLUNTEER**

For outstanding achievement during the year in the management, enhancement, or protection of Louisiana's fish, wildlife, air, water, soil or forest resources or related recreational opportunities by a person acting in a volunteer capacity.

Category # 3 – **YOUTH**

For outstanding conservation work by a youngster (18 years of age or younger). Youth groups are also eligible in this category. The winner should have demonstrated leadership and accomplishment in any phase of conservation.

Category # 4 – **BUSINESS**

For significant achievement by a business in pollution abatement, land use planning and management, conservation education/awareness, habitat stewardship including providing lands for wildlife conservation and public recreation, etc. (This category is to honor a company, not an individual person. It covers a wide variety of

possible achievements. Submit an entry and let the judges consider the nomination.)

Category # 5 – **EDUCATOR**

For outstanding performance in conservation education by a professional or volunteer. Instructors of hunter safety and outdoor ethics are eligible in this category as are teachers of the natural sciences, fish and wildlife management, environmental design and management, various aspects of environmental education, etc. Emphasis should be on teaching and working with students or the public rather than on research or administration.

Category # 6 – **ELECTED OFFICIAL**

For outstanding conservation achievement by an elected official. All Louisiana elected officials, except the Governor, are eligible in this category.

Category # 7 – **COMMUNICATIONS**

For outstanding work by a writer, reporter, radio or TV broadcaster, photographer, artist, cartoonist, radio or TV station, newspaper, website or other publication in creating a public awareness of the importance of environmental quality and natural resource conservation or making a significant contribution toward the solution of a major conservation problem in the state.

Category # 8 – **ORGANIZATION**

For outstanding conservation achievement by a state or local organization, including but not limited to civic organizations, environmental groups, sportsmen's clubs, garden clubs, etc., in addressing significant natural resource management and environmental quality challenges. In special cases where government agencies or institutions have accomplished extraordinary work above and beyond their normal responsibilities, such organizations will be given consideration for this award.


GOVERNOR'S AWARD

For the outstanding overall conservation achievement. The Governor's Award recipient is selected by the judging committee from among the category winners. Nominations are not accepted for this award.

Program Rules and Procedures

- 1.) Winners may not be named in every category. Recognition will be based primarily on accomplishments during 2009. Prior records may be considered, but this will be left up to the judges. Immediate past winners are not eligible to succeed themselves in the same category of accomplishment for which they were recognized the previous year.
- 2.) Nominations must be hand-delivered or sent by USPS mail or other delivery service to the Louisiana Wildlife Federation at the address on the nomination form. They must be postmarked on or before midnight February 2nd.
- 3.) Attach the Nomination Form to the nominee's résumé of achievements. The résumé should be a narrative description of the nominee's accomplishments and include an explanation of their significance or impact, that is, why the nominee's accomplishments are important and worthy of recognition. The résumé is required and should not exceed 3 single-spaced typed pages. Information such as past recognition, organization memberships, etc. may be appended to the résumé. Documentation of accomplishments such as newspaper clippings, correspondences, etc. should be included as a supplement to the résumé. If a nomination is submitted for more than one category, a separate nomination form and complete résumé must be submitted for each category entered. If available, please include a photograph of the nominee with the nomination or email to lwf@lawildlifefed.org.

4.) Nominations which do not meet all standards and criteria will be returned to sender to be resubmitted with appropriate additions/modifications. Program judges may declare any nomination ineligible if proper documentation and supportive materials are not included. The decision of the judging committees will be final.

 LWF		NOMINATION FORM	
Full Name of Nominee _____	_____	Date _____	Category _____
Address _____	_____		
Recommended by _____	_____		
Address _____	_____		
Phone _____	Email address _____		
Signature _____	_____	Title (if any) _____	
Reply to: LWF P. O. Box 65239 Audubon Station Baton Rouge, LA 70896-5239 337 South Acadian Thruway Baton Rouge, LA 70806			

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46th
**Governor's
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Honorable Bobby Jindal

With the knowledge and understanding that conservation, wise management and use of our State's natural resources is essential to the health, happiness, welfare and economic well-being of Louisiana's citizens; and with the belief that proper recognition of conservation efforts promotes wise resource management and use,

I, Bobby Jindal, Governor of Louisiana, do hereby endorse the concept of the Governor's State Conservation Achievement Awards Program as conducted annually under the auspices of the Louisiana Wildlife Federation.


BOBBY JINDAL, GOVERNOR