



LWF Conservation Award Winners since Program Inception

Note: Program was paused in 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID pandemic response. List updated May 2025.

LWF Conservationist of the Year beginning 2020 and LWF Governor's Award Recipients through 2019

- 1963 – Richard K. Yancey (Professional) - LDWF
& Charles F. Buckley (Non-Professional) - LWF/RWA
- 1964 – Bryant A. Bateman (Educator) - LSU
- 1965 – Walter N. Day (Volunteer) - LWF/Bonnet Carre' Rod & Gun Club
- 1966 – Leslie L. Glasgow (Professional) - LDWF
- 1967 – Captain Charles Sebastian (Volunteer)
- 1968 – Robert A. Lafleur (Professional) - LDWF Stream Control Commission
- 1969 – Joe L. Herring (Professional) - LDWF
- 1970 – Richard K. Yancey (Professional) - LDWF
- 1971 – Richard W. Bryan, Jr. (Volunteer) - Rapides Wildlife Association
- 1972 – John D. Newsom (Professional) - LSU/USF&WS
- 1973 – J. Burton Angelle (Professional) - LDWF
- 1974 – Edgar F. Veillon (Volunteer) - Jefferson Rod & Gun Club
- 1975 – John R. Hammond (Volunteer)
- 1976 – Robert H. Chabreck (Educator) - LSU
- 1977 – Baton Rouge Sportsmen's League (Organization)
- 1978 – Charles W. Bosch, Jr. (Professional) - LWF
- 1979 – Edgar F. Veillon (Volunteer) - Jefferson Rod & Gun Club/LWF
- 1980 – Kenneth C. Smith (Professional) - LDWF
- 1981 – H. M. "Mike" Cook (Communicator) - State Times
- 1982 – Robert S. Marshall, Jr. (Communicator) - Times Picayune
- 1983 – William A. Fontenot (Professional) - La. Dept. of Justice
- 1984 – W. Guthrie Perry, Jr. (Professional) - LDWF
- 1985 – Oliver A. Houck (Educator) - Tulane University
- 1986 – William H. Herke (Professional) - LSU/USF&WS
- 1987 – Robert W. Strader (Professional) - USF&WS
- 1988 – Nancy Jo Craig (Professional) - Louisiana Nature Conservancy
- 1989 – Wilma A. Subra (Professional) - Subra Company
- 1990 – Paul H. Templet (Professional) - DEQ
- 1991 – Jean T. Westbrook (Volunteer) - Women for a Better Louisiana
- 1992 – East Ascension Sportsman's League (Organization)
- 1993 – Charles W. "Bill" Savant (Professional) - NRCS
- 1994 – Representative Edward J. Deano, Jr. (Elected Official)
- 1995 – Elvis J. Cavalier (Educator) - Labadieville Middle School
- 1996 – Danny W. Britt (Professional) - Kisatchie
- 1997 – James Kelby Ouchley (Professional) - USF&WS

LWF Conservationist of the Year, LWF Governor's Award Recipients

(continued)

1998 – Senator Michael R. Robichaux, M.D. (Elected Official)
1999 – Martha Ann Messinger & George M. Patton (Volunteer)
2000 – Ben A. Taylor (Volunteer) - Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation
2001 – Suzanne R. Hawes (Professional) - USACE
2002 – Friends of Black Bayou (Organization)
2003 – Mark Schleifstein (Communicator) - Times Picayune
2004 – Senator Joe McPherson (Elected Official)
2005 – B. E. M. Skerrett, III (Volunteer) - Atchafalaya Basin Program
2006 – Gay Brantley (Educator) - USF&WS
2007 – Chris Piehler (Professional) - DEQ
2008 – Leonard Bahr (Communicator) - LaCoastPost.com
2009 – Tab Benoit (Communicator) - Voice of the Wetlands
2010 – Ted Falgout (Professional)
2011 – Louisiana Public Broadcasting for “Turning the Tide” documentary (Communicator)
2012 – John Walther (Volunteer)
2013 – Garrett Graves
2014 – Robert “Bob” Love
2015 – Danica Williams
2016 – Apache Corporation
2017 – Bren Haase
2018 – Katherine Gividen
2019 – Category suspended due to COVID pandemic
2020 – Program paused due to COVID pandemic
2021 – Program paused due to COVID pandemic
2022 – Charles Allen
2023 – Alexander Kolker
2024 – Heidi Adams, Ph D

Professional Conservationist of the Year

1964 – Lyle St. Amant, PhD (fisheries); Richard K. Yancey (wildlife)
1965 –
1966 – Charles W. Bosch, Jr. (wildlife); John E. Trygg (water); Robert W. McDermid (forest)
1967 – William F. Mann (forest); J. M. Menefee (water); Alton Mangum (soil)
1968 –
1969 – Charles Van Carlton (wildlife); Sam Frisby (forest)
1970 – Joe L. Herring (wildlife); Gladney Davidson (water); Wayne Fallon (soil)
1971 – John J. Lynch (wildlife); Nugent T. Brasher (water)
1972 – John D. Newsom (wildlife); Robert E. Murray, Sr. (water)
1973 – James W. Avault, Jr., Ph D
1974 – Janice S. Hughes
1975 – Louis E. Brunett
1976 – John Dale Givens
1977 – Sandra S. Thompson
1978 – Dave Hall
1979 – Bobby T. Walker

Professional Conservationist of the Year (continued)

1980 – Ronald Jude Dugas
1981 – David L. Hall
1982 – Dewey W. Wills
1983 – Allan B. Ensminger
1984 –
1985 – James Theodore "Ted" Joanen
1986 – Bob Joslin
1987 – Villere C. Reggio, Jr.
1988 – John C. Glenn
1989 – M. Wade Byrd
1990 – Maureen O'Neill
1991 –
1992 – Randalle Hunt Moore
1993 –
1994 –
1995 – Steve Mathies, Ph D
1996 – Esther Boykin
1997 – Col. William Connor
1998 – Bill Good, Ph.D
1999 – Sandra S. Thompson
2000 –
2001 – William "Bill" Fontenot
2002 – Jack C. Caldwell
2003 – Robert E. Stewart, Jr.
2004 – Chad James Courville
2005 – Noel W. Kinler
2006 – William K. "Kirk" Rhinehart
2007 – John A. Lopez, Ph.D
2008 – John Pitre
2009 – Scott A. Angelle
2010 – Michael Carloss
2011 – Thomas J. Hess, Jr.
2012 – Michael Balboni
2013 –
2014 – Stacy Leah Scarce
2015 – Christopher Reid
2016 – Theryn Henkel, PhD
2017 –
2018 –
2019 –
2020 – Program paused due to COVID pandemic
2021 – Program paused due to COVID pandemic
2022 – Lisa Lewis
2023 – Corey Miller
2024 – Jason Adriance

Volunteer Conservationist of the Year

1964 – Chuck Buckley
1965 –
1966 – Richard Thompson (soil)
1967 – Walt Day
1968 –
1969 –
1970 – Ralph R. Kling, Sr.
1971 – Francis Braud
1972 – Carl Fontenot
1973 – Henry A. Bernard, Jr.
1974 – Jerry B. McLain
1975 – Jack Surles
1976 – Kathleen Hains
1977 – Gerry Waguespack
1978 – Congressman Jerry Huckaby
1979 – A. Foster "Foxy" Sanders, III
1980 – Robert F. Hereford, Jr.
1981 – Jim Hall
1982 – Markham A. "Skipper" Dickson, Jr.
1983 – Donald P. Landry
1984 – Gerry Waguespack
1985 – Marc Dupuy, Jr.
1986 – Harold Schoeffler
1987 – Frank B. Williams
1988 – David W. Boudreaux
1989 – Michael J. Caire, M.D.
1990 – Edgar F. Veillon
1991 – Brenda Davis
1992 – Ernest Gammon & Sid Sanders
1993 – Barbara A. Dodds
1994 – Myrtle Dubea
1995 – Steven P. Hawkins, Sr.
1996 – Edgar F. Veillon
1997 – Mark B. Becker, Sr.
1998 – Katherine C. Richardelle
1999 – Noel A. Thistlethwaite
2000 – Michael X. St. Martin
2001 – Julie Landreneau
2002 – Paul M. Dickson
2003 – James Walker Moore, Jr.
2004 – Ann Bloxom Smith
2005 – Thad Bellow
2006 – Charles & Susan Allen
2007 – Carrie Brown
2008 – R. King Milling
2009 – Charles Caillouet, Jr.
2010 – Kenneth Sayes
2011 – Dr. George L. Dugal

Volunteer Conservationist of the Year (continued)

2012 –
2013 – Nathaniel Klumb
2014 – Adam & Lisa Willard
2015 – Pamela Kay Connery
2016 – Ronald Coco
2017 – Edward Bodker
2018 – Sherrill Sagrera
2019 – Ryan Lambert
2020 – Program paused due to COVID pandemic
2021 – Program paused due to COVID pandemic
2022 – Jane Patterson
2023 – Jim Kolinski
2024 – Charles Williams

Youth Conservationist(s) and Youth Organization of the Year

1964 – Edgar R. Butts & Glen Tidwell
1965 –
1966 –
1967 – Golden Meadow Jr. High School
1968 –
1969 – Golden Meadow Lower Elementary & Junior High Schools
1970 – Youth for Conservation
1971 – Explorer Scout Post 31
1972 – Evergreen Jr. High School Wildlife & Conservation Club
1973 – Lee High School Ecology Club
1974 – Golden Meadow Jr. High School
1975 – Mark Paker
1976 – Earl "Skeet" Hodgkins, Jr.
1977 – Gregory R. Hunter
1978 – Raceland Junior High School, Conservation Club
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1984 – Glen Rayburn Merrell
1985 – Raceland Junior High School, Conservation Club
1986 –
1987 –
1988 –
1989 – Park Ridge Elementary 4th and 5th grade gifted
1990 – Boy Scout Troop 405
1991 –
1992 – Raceland Junior High School FFA
1993 – Holy Cross School, Project Fight Urban Runoff
1994 –

Youth Conservationist(s) and Youth Organization of the Year (continued)

(Beginning in 2019 there is a category for individual and for organization)

1995 – Joseph Robert Jowers
1996 – Labadieville Middle School
1997 – LSU Lab School Environmental Club
1998 – Student Environmental Awareness Club
1999 – Marla Elizabeth Adam
2000 –
2001 – Oak Grove Primary School Tag Students
2002 – Blake Martin Whittington
2003 – Ascension Parish Youth Council
2004 – Boy Scouts of America Troop 405
2005 – Kellon Lee
2006 – Anna Kathryn Whittington
2007 – John Hooper
2008 – Lafayette 4H Junior Leader Club
2009 – Lafayette Middle School Environmental Science Academy
2010 – Future Leaders of America’s Gulf
2011 – Amite River Preservation Association
2012 – KidsLoveTheGulf.org
2013 – Sean Turner
2014 –
2015 – Taylor Renee Wagner
2016 – Connor Patrick Arthur
2017 – Red River National Wildlife Refuge Youth Conservation Corps
2018 – Audubon Nature Institute Youth Volunteer Corps
2019 – LDWF Archery in Louisiana Schools Program; Eric Vanbergen
2020 – Program paused due to COVID pandemic
2021 – Program paused due to COVID pandemic
2022 –
2023 –
2024 – Natchitoches Parish 4-H

Conservation Corporation/Business of the Year

1970 – International Paper Company
1971 – Shell Norco Refining
1972 –
1973 –
1974 –
1975 – Crown Zellerbach Corporation
1976 – Exxon Company, U.S.A.
1977 – Union Carbide Corporation
1978 – E. I. DePont de Nemours and Company, Pontchartrain Works
1979 – Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corporation
1980 – Norco Manufacturing Complex
1981 – International Paper Company
1982 –

Conservation Corporation/Business of the Year (continued)

1983 – Tenneco LaTerre Company, Inc.
1984 –
1985 – Williams, Inc.
1986 –
1987 –
1988 – Conoco, Inc.
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1991 – Anheuser-Busch, Inc.
1992 – Opelousas General Hospital
1993 – The Dow Chemical Company
1994 – Cajun Electric Power Cooperative
1995 – International Paper
1996 – Vulcan Chemicals
1997 – Conoco, Inc.
1998 –
1999 – Cleco Corporation
2000 –
2001 – Marathon Ashland Petroleum, LLC
2002 – BP America Production Company
2003 – Roy O. Martin Lumber Company
2004 – Shell Pipeline Company
2005 – Architecture +
2006 – Kleinpeter Farms Dairy
2007 – Forest Capital Partners, LLC
2008 –
2009 – Bob’s Tree Preservation, Inc.
2010 – ExxonMobil Baton Rouge Complex
2011 – ConocoPhillips
2012 – Marsh Dog, LLC
2013 – Pastorek Habitats, LLC
2014 – Chevron
2015 – ORA Estuaries
2016 –
2017 –
2018 – CITGO Petroleum Corporation
2019 – Edison Chouest Offshore
2020 – Program paused due to COVID pandemic
2021 – Program paused due to COVID pandemic
2022 –
2023 –
2024 –

Conservation Educator of the Year

1966 – Carroll D. Goulas
1967 – Ralf T. Wall

Conservation Educator of the Year (continued)

1968 –
1969 – Genevieve S. Cousins
1970 – John Paul Culpepper
1971 – Edison Rebstock, Jr.
1972 – Joe L. Herring
1973 – Roland Joseph Treubig
1974 – Dr. George Lowery
1975 – Ms. Jackie McCorkle
1976 – Charles Robert "Bob" Stevens
1977 – Hugh M. Burts
1978 – Larry de la Bretonne, Jr.
1979 – Leonard J. St. Pierre
1980 – Leonard St. Pierre
1981 – Alfred O. Tucker, Jr.
1982 – Jonathan L. Classock
1983 – Leonard St. Pierre
1984 –
1985 – Paul Jackson
1986 – Robert Allen Thomas, Ph.D.
1987 – Martha Madden
1988 – Robert N. Broussard
1989 – Robert H. Chabreck
1990 – Derrill J. Heurtin
1991 – Lyle M. Soniat
1992 – Dr. Arthur S. Allen
1993 – Robert W. Hastings, Ph.D.
1994 – Sue Ellen Lyons
1995 –
1996 – Emily B. Young
1997 – Louisiana Hunter Education Section
1998 – Gregory M. Grandy
1999 – Tensas River NWR Instructor Corps
2000 –
2001 – Barry J. Guillot
2002 – Melissa M. Whittington
2003 – Louisiana Seagrant Extension Communications Committee
2004 – Barry J. Guillot
2005 – Rex H. Caffey, Ph.D
2006 – Mark Schexnayder
2007 – Barry J. Guillot
2008 –
2009 – Frank C. Rohwer, Ph.D
2010 – Amy Griffin Ouchley
2011 – Cindy Kilpatrick
2012 – St. Mary Parish 4-H & St. Mary Parish Government
2013 – Tonya Dean & Jamie Griffin
2014 – Louisiana Master Farmer Program
2015 – LDWF's Becoming an Outdoors-Woman Program

Conservation Educator of the Year (continued)

2016 – Barry Guillot
2017 – Nova Clarke
2018 – Thomas Christian “Chris” Pearce
2019 – Wendy Rihner
2020 – Program paused due to COVID pandemic
2021 – Program paused due to COVID pandemic
2022 – John Dillon
2023 – Amanda Clark & Pam Pearce
2024 – James Foret

Conservationist of the Year-Elected Official Category

1966 – Representative Warren J. Simon
1967 – Senator Jackson B. Davis
1968 –
1969 –
1970 – Senator George T. Oubre
1971 – Representative Carl Dawson
1972 – Representative Robert Munson
1973 – Representative Edward C. Scogin
1974 – Senator Paul J. Hardy
1975 – Senator William D. "Billy" Brown
1976 – Representative Morris A. Lottinger, Jr.
1977 – Representative Chris Ullo
1978 – Representative Wilbert J. "Billy" Tauzin, II
1979 –
1980 – Representative Manuel A. Fernandez
1981 – Senator Samuel B. Nunez, Jr.
1982 – Representative Murray J. Hebert
1983 –
1984 – Senator J. Bennett Johnston
1985 – Patricia L. Norton (Public Servant)
1986 – Senator Ben J. Bagert, Jr.
1987 – Senator William J. "Joe" McPherson
1988 – Senator Ben J. Bagert, Jr.
1989 – Attorney General William J. Guste, Jr.
1990 – Representative Randall E. Roach
1991 –
1992 – District Attorney Doug Moreau
1993 – Senator Marc H. Morial
1994 – Senator William J. "Joe" McPherson
1995 –
1996 – Senator Foster Campbell
1997 –
1998 –
1999 – Senator Robert J. Barham
2000 –

Conservationist of the Year-Elected Official Category (continued)

2001 – Senator D. A. "Butch" Gautreaux
2002 – Senator W. "Joe" McPherson
2003 – Senator Reggie P. Dupre, Jr.
2004 –
2005 – Representative Karen St. Germain
2006 – Mayor Tony Gulotta
2007 – Mayor Tim Matte
2008 –
2009 –
2010 – Parish President William H. "Billy" Nungesser
2011 – Parish President Charlotte A. Randolph
2012 –
2013 – Michel H. Claudet, President – Terrebonne Parish
2014 –
2015 – Representative Gene Reynolds
2016 –
2017 –
2018 – Senator Dan "Blade" Morrish
2019 –
2020 – Program paused due to COVID pandemic
2021 – Program paused due to COVID pandemic
2022 – Jerome "Zee" Zeringue
2023 – Joseph Orgeron
2024 –

Conservation Communicator of the Year

(Until 1980, it was possible that an individual and a news medium could be selected)

1964 – Jim Faulkner; 1964 - Morning Advocate
1965 –
1966 – H. M. "Mike" Cook
1967 – Frank Adams
1968 –
1969 – Louisiana Conservationist
1970 – State Times/Morning Advocate
1971 – Bob Dennie
1972 – H. M. "Mike" Cook; 1972 - Alexandria Daily Town Talk
1973 – Kelly Falcon; 1973 - Alexandria Daily Town Talk
1974 – Virgil J. Bourque, Jr.; 1974 - Concordia Sentinel
1975 – Les Brumfield; 1975 - The Courier
1976 – Bob Searce; 1976 - Capital City Press
1977 – Cornelia Carriere; 1977 - Louisiana Conservationist
1978 – Bob Anderson, Larry Michaud; 1978 - The East Ascension Sportsman
1979 – Peter R. Mindek; 1979 - The East Ascension Sportsman
1980 – W. Reeves Field; 1980 - KATC-TV, Channel 3
1981 – Bob Anderson
1982 – Daryl W. "Abe" Cockran

Conservation Communicator of the Year (continued)

1983 – Don T. Edwards
1984 – Lloyd Poissenot
1985 – Baton Rouge Morning Advocate "Prosperity In Paradise? Louisiana's Chemical Legacy"
1986 – Eddie Castelin
1987 – Bob Anderson
1988 – David L. Hall
1989 – Shirley Haupt
1990 – The Shreveport Times
1991 – Linda Young
1992 – June C. Kennedy
1993 – Kierstan Gordan
1994 –
1995 – Charles F. Buckley
1996 –
1997 – Jerald Horst
1998 – Bill Robertson
1999 –
2000 – Coast & Sea
2001 – Gary Noel Ross
2002 – The East Ascension Sportsman
2003 – John N. Felsher
2004 – Philip J. Timothy, Jr.
2005 – C. C. Lockwood
2006 – Todd Masson
2007 – Joe Macaluso
2008 –
2009 – LSU AgCenter
2010 –
2011 –
2012 –
2013 – Greg Guirard
2014 –
2015 – Bo Boehringer
2016 – Tegan Wendland
2017 – Louisiana Public Square Coastal Restoration: “The Next Wave”, produced by LPB
2018 –
2019 – Emma Reid
2020 – Program paused due to COVID pandemic
2021 – Program paused due to COVID pandemic
2022 – Kelby Ouchley
2023 – Don Shoopman
2024 –

Conservation Organization of the Year

1966 – Baton Rouge Sportsmen's League
1967 – Calcasieu Rod & Gun Club

Conservation Organization of the Year (continued)

- 1968 –
- 1969 – Calcasieu Rod & Gun Club (water)
- 1970 – Baton Rouge Woods and Waters
- 1971 – East Ascension Sportsman's League
- 1972 – East Ascension Sportsman's League
- 1973 – St. Charles Environmental Council
- 1974 – Concordia Wildlife Club
- 1975 – East Ascension Sportsman's League
- 1976 – Council On The Environment
- 1977 – East Ascension Sportsman's League
- 1978 – Baton Rouge Sportsmen's League
- 1979 – Jefferson Rod and Gun Club
- 1980 – Jefferson Rod and Gun Club
- 1981 – Slidell Sportsmen's League
- 1982 – Jefferson Rod and Gun Club
- 1983 – East Ascension Sportsman's League
- 1984 – The Louisiana Nature and Science Center, Inc.
- 1985 – Louisiana Wildlife Association
- 1986 – Gulf Coast Conservation Association of LA
- 1987 – Calcasieu League for Environmental Action Now
- 1988 – Women For A Better Louisiana
- 1989 – Calcasieu League for Environmental Action Now
- 1990 – Tulane Environmental Law Clinic
- 1991 – Black Bear Conservation Committee
- 1992 – LSP HazMat Unit & LA DEQ Office of Legal Affairs and Enforcement
- 1993 – Avoyelles Wildlife Federation
- 1994 – New Orleans Inner City Outings
- 1995 – DWF Region VIII Enforcement Division
- 1996 – LA District of the United States Postal Service
- 1997 – Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana
- 1998 – Delta Chapter - Sierra Club
- 1999 – Louisiana Nature Center
- 2000 – Revive New River
- 2001 – Little Tchefuncte River Association
- 2002 – Blind River Boss Gobblers
- 2003 – Toledo Bend Lake Association
- 2004 – Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program
- 2005 – Ducks Unlimited, Inc.
- 2006 – Woodlands Trail and Park
- 2007 – Acadiana RC&D Council
- 2008 – Toledo Bend Lake Association
- 2009 – LSU Coastal Roots Program
- 2010 – First Presbyterian Church of Bayou Blue
- 2011 – Friends of Red River National Wildlife Refuge
- 2012 – Bayou Grace Community Services
- 2013 – Cajun Prairie Habitat Preservation Society
- 2014 – Bayou Vermilion Preservation Association
- 2015 – Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana

Conservation Organization of the Year (continued)

- 2016 – Quality Deer Management Association (LA State Chapter)
- 2017 – South Wings
- 2018 – Baton Rouge Zoo FrogWatch USA™
- 2019 – Giant Salvinia Control Patrol
- 2020 – Program paused due to COVID pandemic
- 2021 – Program paused due to COVID pandemic
- 2022 – Acadiana Native Plant Project
- 2023 – AJ & Nona Trigg Hodges Foundation
- 2024 - Bossier Parish School for Technology and Innovative Learning

Water/Air Conservationist of the Year (category no longer promoted)

- 1974 – Donald Landry
- 1975 – Doris Falkenheiner
- 1976 – Barry Kohl
- 1977 – Frederick G. Deiler
- 1978 – Frank J. Ehret, Jr.
- 1979 – David M. Soileau
- 1980 – Charles Fryling, Jr.

Lifetime Achievement

(Award created in 2023)

- 2023 – Martin D. “Marty” Floyd
- 2024 – Mark Shirley