



## Conservation Achievement Awards

### Lifetime Achievement Award Guidelines (est. 2023)

The Lifetime Achievement Award given by Louisiana Wildlife Federation (LWF) is a prestigious honor bestowed upon individuals who have demonstrated exceptional dedication, leadership, and sustained contributions to the field of wildlife conservation. Only one award may be given each year.

**Eligibility:** Nominees must have a minimum of 20 years of recent active and impactful involvement in wildlife conservation efforts within the state of Louisiana. The award is not given for posthumous work or outcomes. Nominees can be any individual from diverse backgrounds, including conservationists, researchers, educators, policy advocates, or community leaders.

Nominations may be submitted by LWF board members, staff, or the general public. Nominators must provide detailed documentation supporting the nominee's significant and lasting contributions to wildlife conservation that address the judges' criteria.

**Criteria** that the nomination should address include:

**Demonstrated Impact:** Nominees should have a proven track record of tangible and positive impact on wildlife conservation in Louisiana. Their contributions could include successful conservation initiatives, policy advocacy, educational programs, and/or research for conservation in Louisiana.

**Innovation and Leadership:** Nominees must have demonstrated innovation in their approaches to conservation challenges, showcasing creativity and adaptability in their efforts. Strong leadership skills, including the ability to inspire others and lead collaborative conservation projects, are essential criteria.

**Sustainability and Legacy:** Nominee's contributions should have a lasting and sustainable impact on wildlife and their habitats, ensuring a positive legacy for future generations. Long-term commitment to conservation, demonstrated through continuous involvement, is a key consideration.

**Community Engagement:** Nominees should have actively engaged with local communities, fostering awareness, understanding, and participation in wildlife conservation efforts. Contributions to environmental education and community outreach programs are highly regarded.

The Lifetime Achievement Award recipient will be celebrated at the annual LWF Conservation Achievement Awards Banquet. The awardee will be presented with a trophy and given the opportunity to deliver a speech highlighting their conservation journey.