



Conservation Achievement Awards Guidelines

Alaska Conservation Foundation (ACF) presents the Conservation Achievement Awards to recognize the remarkable achievements of individuals and organizations committed to protecting Alaska. ACF honors dedicated individuals and organizations that have made outstanding contributions to the Alaska conservation movement.

Please see *Award Categories* attached to the end of this document for a detailed description of each award.

General Eligibility Requirements

- All nominations must be consistent with ACF's mission: *The Alaska Conservation Foundation protects Alaska's natural environment and the diverse cultures and ways of life it sustains.*
- Alaskans and non-Alaskans alike qualify for these awards.
- Self-nominations are not accepted.
- See individual *Award Categories* (attached at the end of this document) for award-specific criteria.

Review Criteria

Recipients will be selected based upon the following criteria:

- 1) How well the nominee exemplifies the purpose of the award for which they are being nominated.
- 2) How consistent the nominee's contributions are to one or more of ACF's favored conservation strategies.
 - Promotes civic engagement and citizen action
 - Employs innovative approaches to building a conservation movement
 - Increases public awareness of conservation issues
 - Employs diverse partnerships
 - Focuses upon enduring solutions and problem-solving
 - Fosters collaboration
- 3) How consistent the nominee's contributions are to one or more of the long-term outcomes ACF is working to achieve.
 - A more influential conservation movement
 - More people will volunteer in conservation-related efforts
 - More people will connect their everyday actions to environmental impact

- More people will become engaged in the public process
- Enduring conservation impact
 - Reduction in destructive environmental activities
 - Reduction in reliance on litigation strategies
 - More sustainable economic development/activities
- More robust environmental policy
 - More “favorable” laws and policies for the environment
 - Stronger regulation of policies and enforcement of these laws
 - Stronger environmental protections in place

Due Date and Submission Details

Due Date: Nomination packets must be received by **June 30, 2017**.

Submitting Your Nomination Packet:

Submit your nomination via the ACF online application system. The link to the online application can be found at <http://alaskaconservation.org/achievement-awards/>

Questions?

Please contact ACF at 907-276-1917 or via email at aremick@alaskaconservation.org.



Award Categories

Category	Purpose	Named For
ACF Lifetime Achievement Award <i>(Presented as appropriate)</i>	ACF thanks Lifetime Achievement Award winners for their tireless dedication and advocacy and celebrates the accomplishments of these remarkable individuals who have made a difference by devoting significant parts of their lives to protecting Alaska's natural greatness. Nominees should be at least 60 years of age or have dedicated 30 or more years of their life to Alaska conservation.	
Celia Hunter Award for Outstanding Volunteer Contributions	Volunteer leaders in the environmental movement in Alaska are honored with the Hunter Award. These individuals are active on a state or nationwide level, are ardent conservation supporters, and have made a positive, difference in Alaska's conservation movement over many years.	Celia Hunter: ACF's co-founder, pioneer conservationist and advocate for Alaska's wild places
Olaus Murie Award for Outstanding Professional Contributions	The Murie Award recognizes longstanding professionals of non-profit organizations or public agencies working to protect Alaska's environment. Awardees have demonstrated strong leadership and helped build a more influential conservation movement in Alaska.	Olaus Murie: wildlife biologist who spent many years in Alaska's wild places as an employee of the Department of Interior
Denny Wilcher Award for Young Environmental Activists	Alaska high school seniors who have made significant contributions to their communities and seek solutions to environmental problems are honored with the Wilcher Award. These individuals are leaders among their peers and demonstrate their care and deep concern for conserving the environment.	James D. "Denny" Wilcher: ACF's co-founder who had a lifelong commitment to protecting the wild places on earth
Lowell Thomas, Jr. Award for Outstanding Achievements by a Conservation Organization	Recognizes an extraordinary Alaska-based conservation organization or program that demonstrates innovative problem solving, effective citizen engagement, and collaborative actions.	Lowell Thomas, Jr.: distinguished former Alaska Lieutenant Governor and state senator
Jerry S. Dixon Award for Excellence in Environmental Education	Innovative environmental educators who integrate stewardship of Alaska's natural environment into their instructive efforts are honored by the Dixon Award. These individuals include experiential and outdoor educators, have a long history of service with students and are outstanding contributors to conservation education.	Jerry Dixon: McAuliffe Fellow and former teacher of the gifted in Seward, Alaska
Daniel Housberg Wilderness Image Award for Excellence in Still Photography, Film, or Video	Creators of film, video, and still photography projects that advance the protection of Alaska's wilderness environment, further discussion of issues relating to habitat and stewardship of Alaska's natural resources, and enhance public education relating to these areas are honored with the Housberg Award.	Daniel Housberg: avid outdoorsman and news photographer, producer, and videographer
Caleb Pungowiyi Award for Outstanding Achievements by an Alaska Native Organization or Individual	This award recognizes an Alaska Native organization, program or individual working to protect their environment and culture through innovative problem solving, collaboration, effective communication, and building conservation support within Alaska Native communities.	Caleb Pungowiyi: Siberian Yup'ik from Savoonga on St. Lawrence Island, who worked tirelessly to protect the vital link between Alaska Native culture and a healthy environment.