

### **Fellow Elections (national)**

SAF Fellows are nominated from the APSAF. Nominations are for outstanding service by an SAF member to forestry and the Society. All applicants must demonstrate: (1) strong continued commitment through direct SAF volunteer activities, and (2) exemplary action, sustained leadership, and advancement of the forestry profession at the local, regional, national or international level in at least one of the following areas such as application forestry, education, research, or technology transfer. Nominations require a petition for nomination, signed by at least 25 SAF members, a camera-ready biographical sketch of the nominee, a consent form to be completed by the nominee, and a 3 x 5 glossy, black and white photo of the nominee.

Fellows must receive a two-thirds affirmative vote by members of the Appalachian Society of American Foresters. Not voting for an individual is a no vote for him. This means voting must take place across Division lines. A problem in the past is that members in one Division often do not vote for members in another Division.

### **Distinguished Service to Forestry Award (APSAF, N.C Division)**

The award may be presented annually to an individual who has made an especially notable contribution to the profession of forestry and who has been a member or associate member of the SAF for at least the past two years. No member is eligible to receive this award a second time. The award shall consist of a suitable engraved plaque or plate as determined by the Professional Recognition Committee.

Nominations shall be made on the form prepared by the Professional Recognition Committee to supply pertinent biographical and professional information on the nominee. Nominations shall be submitted to the Chair of the Professional Recognition Committee not later than sixty (60) days prior to the annual meeting. All nominations will be kept confidential within the Professional Recognition Committee and the Executive committee.

Nominations for the award may come from three sources: (1) Chapter Recognition Committees, (2) the Professional Recognition Committee may also consider nominees from the immediate past years nominees, and (3) Nominations may be submitted by individual Society members.

Sixty (60) days prior to the annual meeting of the division, the Chair of the Professional Recognition Committee shall mail a list of all nominees to the Secretary-Treasurer of the NC Division who shall then certify to the Chair that each nominee listed is, or is not, a member in good standing and has been so for at least the past two years.

### **Young Forester Leadership Award (APSAF, NC Division)**

This award shall be made annually to a young forester who has exhibited the potential for exemplary leadership and distinguished service and who shows promise of assuming leadership roles in the future. No member is eligible to receive this award a second time. The award shall consist of a suitably engraved plaque or plate as determined by the Awards Committee. To be eligible for an award the candidate must be a member in good standing of the Appalachian Society who;

- is under 40 years of age and has worked in the forestry profession for at least five years;
- has assumed a degree of professional leadership and demonstrated the potential for exemplary leadership;
- has assumed an active role in Society activities at the Chapter and Division level; and,
- has through his or her example furthered the objectives of the forestry profession.

### **SAF Special Volunteer Service Award (NC Division)**

This annual state, multistage, or intrastate award recognizes special, sustained, voluntary service on behalf of the SAF. Recipients of the award are encouraged to be nominated by the state society for the national SAF John A. Beale Memorial Award.

Applicants must

1. Be an SAF member and have.
2. Attained at least 10 years of continuous SAF membership, and have...
3. Demonstrate sustained service on behalf of the SAF at the national, state, division, or chapter level.

Service is defined as:

- A) holding office or committee membership (newsletter editor, membership chair..etc), and/or
- B) participation in SAF's Science program as a Working Group Officer, Subject Area Representative, or other similar function in support of these efforts, and/or
- C) serving as volunteer project leader/member (PI,T, Walk in the Forest, career day, mentor...etc.) and/or
- D) representing SAF through voluntary efforts with others (individuals/associations) that have allied interests in forestry and natural resources.

## **Presidential Field Forester Award**

The purpose of this Award is to recognize foresters who have dedicated their professional careers to the application of forestry on the ground using sound, scientific methods and adaptive management strategies. The Presidential Field Forester Awards will be presented to individuals who have displayed uncommon talent, skill, and innovative methods to achieve a record of excellence in the application of forest management.

### **Selection Process**

Due to regional differences in both application intensity and regulations affecting forestry operations, the award recipients will be selected on a regional basis. Using the existing organizational structure, each Council member will be asked to select and/or endorse an outstanding field forester from the District they represent. The Council person can use the state society chairs to nominate candidates and from those nominations select a nominee for recognition, or use any other process that would select a worthy candidate based on meeting the Eligibility Criteria and quality of work outlined in the Career Narrative.

### **Eligibility Criteria**

- Must be a member of SAF (state year of joining).
- Must have practiced forestry in the field for at least 10 years.
- Management intensity may range from very intensive applications to more extensive management regimes.
- May be from any employment sector.

### **Career Narrative**

Please provide a statement, no longer than two pages, outlining the nature of the candidate's accomplishments. The narrative should include statements showing:

- Documentation that shows the candidate has practiced field forestry in a truly outstanding manner through use of unusual talent, skill, and innovative methods.
- Candidate understands and used science along with adaptive management processes to achieve landowner objectives in the context of promoting forest sustainability.
- Candidate is recognized locally or regionally by peers for excellence in field application of forestry.

## NATIONAL AWARDS

There are a number of awards that are presented on a national level by the SAF. These are awards that are presented for outstanding service in the various fields of endeavor in forestry. Nominations for these awards must be sent to National Headquarters by July 15, annually.

**Sir William Schlich Medal** – An engraved medallion presented biennially, which is awarded in recognition of broad and outstanding contributions to forestry, emphasizing policy and national or international activities. The recipient need not be a member of SAF.

**Barrington Moore Memorial Award** - An engraved plaque and honorarium, presented annually in recognition of outstanding achievement in research in any branch of the biological sciences leading to advancement in either the practice or science of forestry. Nominations should include curriculum vitae of the individual including age, academic degrees, major publications, honors, participation in scientific and other learned societies, field of research, and research accomplishments. Nominations should be forwarded through the SAF Professional Recognition Committee to the Barrington Memorial Award Committee.

**John A Beale Memorial Award** – An engraved plaque and honorarium, presented annually in recognition of outstanding continuing efforts in the promotion of forestry through voluntary service to the Society of American Foresters by a member of the Society. Each state society has the opportunity to nominate one candidate each year by submitting his or her name and biographical sketch, including, experience, and effort on behalf of the SAF.

**Technology Transfer and Extension Award** – An engraved plaque, presented annually in recognition of outstanding performance in forest technology transfer, implementation, and/or extension by a member of the Society. Nominations should include biographical sketch, including education, experience, professional responsibilities, and description of outstanding contributions in keeping with the criteria. Forward nominations through the SAF Professional Recognition Committee to the Forest Science and Technology Board.

**Carl Alwin Schenk Award** – An engraved plaque recognizing excellence in the field of forestry education. Candidates must be active in an SAF-accredited program in the United States. Award criteria are devotion to the instruction of forestry, demonstration of high professional and educational standards, and development of innovative teaching methods or educational programs. Nominations must include a biographical sketch (not to exceed two pages), a justification (not to exceed three pages) of how the candidate meets the award criteria, and two letters of endorsement. Nominations are to be forwarded through the SAF Professional Recognition Committee to the SAF Committee on Educational Policies.