

# **SOUTHEASTERN SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTERS**

## **AWARDS**

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### **FOREWORD**

The Southeastern Section of the Society of American Foresters (SESAF) presents Awards of Excellence to honor members and Student Leadership Awards to recognize rising professionals. Selection of Awards of Excellence from among the nominees shall be the responsibility of the Society's Awards Committee. The Awards Committee shall be composed of members chosen by the Society Chair-Elect, who is the Committee Chair, from the Society Divisions (Alabama, Florida and Georgia). The Awards Committee Chair selects the Awards Committee with the assistance of the Past Chair and the Division Chairs. The Awards Committee may initiate a nomination(s) at its discretion. If, in the judgment of the Awards Committee, no suitable candidate for the Award of Excellence is nominated, it may, at its own discretion, decline to make a recommendation for the award.

### **AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE**

The SESAF may present three (3) named Awards for Excellence at its annual meeting. The awards are listed below and must be submitted in accordance with the format specified on the SESAF Awards of Excellence Nomination Form on page 4.

The **RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AWARD** shall be made in recognition of outstanding research and/or development activities that have made significant contributions to forestry within the area served by the SESAF or the Southeastern United States.

The **GENERAL PRACTICE OF FORESTRY AWARD** shall be made in recognition of outstanding accomplishments in the practice of forestry in the area served by the SESAF or the Southeastern United States.

The **PUBLIC EDUCATION AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AWARD** shall be made in recognition of educational activities and programs that have significantly advanced public understanding of forests and forestry and/or contributed to the continuing education of forestry professionals in the area served by SESAF or the Southeastern United States.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Any member of the Society of American Foresters (SAF), in good standing, shall be eligible for nomination.

### **CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS**

The Committee shall consider each of the following criteria in the selection process.

1. The accomplishments shall be in keeping with the national Society's objectives.

2. Awards are primarily for members of the SESAF, but may, under certain conditions explained and justified by the Committee, be awarded to any SAF member living outside the SESAF area, when the contribution has had a direct influence on the area served by the SESAF.
3. Accomplishments shall be widely applicable to the entire SESAF area or to one or more of its important geographical portions rather than of strictly local application. An exception may be made when excellence in leadership and accomplishments were demonstrated elsewhere, but which have furthered forestry in the SESAF area.
4. The Awards Committee shall place emphasis on each individual's contributions to the profession of forestry and service to the SAF, in particular the SESAF area, when selecting nominees, rather than on their affiliation, place of residence or professional position.

### **NOMINATIONS**

The Chair of the Awards Committee shall notify the Editor of *The Southeastern Forester* and the SESAF Chair not later than six (6) months prior to the SESAF annual meeting, or the beginning of the calendar year, that nominations for awards are open. The Awards Committee Chair shall provide the Editor with an appropriate notification for publishing in *The Southeastern Forester*. Nominations for all awards will automatically be closed 90 days prior to the SESAF annual meeting.

All nominations for awards shall be forwarded to the Awards Committee Chair. Each nomination shall be accompanied by appropriate documentation of the accomplishments of the nominee, when accomplished, and how each effectively advanced the Society and the profession of forestry in the SESAF area. Press releases, other announcements of recognition, publications and citations, where applicable, shall be submitted to provide the Awards Committee with information on which to make its decisions. A nomination without supporting documents and other documentation will not be considered.

### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

The Awards Committee shall take action within the scope of the following guidelines. The Chair of the Awards Committee shall notify committee members that they should select not more than two (2) candidates for each award. Following receipt of the names of nominees, and immediately after the announced deadline given the Committee members, the Chair shall also submit names, credentials and other documentation to each member of the Executive Committee, with a ballot, requesting that each notify the Awards Committee Chair of their rated choice of nominees for each award by return mail.

1. The Awards Committee Chair shall request that the absolute deadline for return of Executive Committee ballots be no later than thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting date set for the SESAF. Candidates receiving the majority of votes cast by the Executive Committee will be declared selected for the respective awards. Upon submission of the names of award recipients to the SESAF Chair by the Awards Committee Chair, the Society shall place an order for appropriate plaques or

alternative types of recognition, and may include a cash award for presentation during the SESAF annual meeting.

2. Following submission of the Awards Committee's recommendations, as previously provided, any remaining nominees and their credentials shall be forwarded to the incoming SESAF Chair with the request that all be placed in the hands of the next Awards Chair appointed for the following year. Nominees not selected will carry over to the following year for consideration by the Awards Committee. Previous nominees who are no longer SAF members can be removed from consideration by the Awards Committee Chair. The Awards Committee Chair may request that a nomination be resubmitted if the nomination is two years old or more.

## **STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARDS**

**Student leadership awards** are given annually to SAF student chapter member(s) at each of the four universities in the states represented by SESAF with an accredited program. Five hundred (\$500) dollars in cash taken from the general treasury of SESAF is made available to the student selected by the institution's program administrator with input from the SAF Faculty Representative for the respective chapter. The award is designed to develop leadership among members of the various student chapters. The funds may be used for attending the national SAF Leadership Academy, SESAF Leadership Workshops or to help sponsor student chapter members in attending SESAF or national SAF annual meetings or other ways made known to SESAF that would strengthen the Student Chapter's engagement with the profession and the National SAF. The Faculty Representative is asked to send the name of the member along with a statement of the leadership activity in which the student chapter member will participate to the SESAF Awards Committee Chair.

Payment is made by SESAF to the State Division who will write the check for the student, unless a written request from the Division Chair asks that the check be directed by SESAF to the institution or student. The announcement should be made early in the Fall term to allow for student chapter planning and announcement at their Spring Awards banquets or other venue appropriate for student awards. The SAF Division Chair or the chair's designee shall represent SESAF to present the award to the student(s) when appropriate. In addition to the local publicity given to the Student Leadership Award winners, SESAF will publicize the award winners in its newsletter.

**Southeastern Society of American Foresters  
AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE NOMINATION FORM**

**Award Category:** Public Education/Technology Transfer, Research or General Forestry (circle one)

**NOMINEE INFORMATION:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

SAF Member No. \_\_\_\_\_ Years of SAF Membership \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Nominee's Hometown Newspaper: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATION INFORMATION:**

**Part I.**

A. **Brief Biography:** Including Employment and Education History of Nominee. (Limit to **250 words**). Attach a photograph of the nominee if available.

B. **Background Summary:** (Briefly describe the nominee's goals, achievements, leadership ability, industry, organization and community involvement, professional contribution, awards, etc. (Limit to **500 words**).

**Part II.** Addition **optional** documentation may be provided as noted below)

A. **Public Education/Technology Transfer:** You are encouraged to attach action photos of program events, press releases and other relevant documentation. (Limit to **3 pages**)

B. **Research:** Include a list of recent research funding awards and 10 to 15 most relevant publications with a statement noting the total number published to date. (Limit to **3 pages**).

C. **General Forestry:** Photographs, news stories, commendations, or letter of support. (Limit to **3 pages**).

**Nominated By:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

SAF member: \_\_\_\_\_

Forward completed form to: **SESAF Awards Committee, 829 GA Highway 57, Gordon, GA 31031** or [sesafbusmgr@windstream.net](mailto:sesafbusmgr@windstream.net) or fax to **877.775.4684**.

*For questions, call the SESAF Office at 478.628.1196.*