



2023 MNTWS AWARD NOMINATION FORM

The Minnesota Chapter of The Wildlife Society (MNTWS) is soliciting nominations for the following awards:

- **Minnesota Award** is our Chapter's highest award and is presented to an individual who has made outstanding contributions to Minnesota's wildlife and natural resources.
- **Conservation Award** is presented to an organization, institution, or individual that has shown an outstanding commitment to Minnesota's resources.
- **Student Conservationist Award** is presented to an undergraduate or graduate student in a wildlife-related field at a Minnesota college or university who has shown high scholastic achievement, and who shows promise as a future wildlife professional.
- **Law Enforcement Award** is presented to an individual who has demonstrated dedication and service to the protection of Minnesota's natural resources.
- **Excellence in Mentorship Award** is a new award in 2022. This award acknowledges contributions to our field through mentorship and guidance.
- **North Star Award for Special Achievement in Wildlife Conservation** is intended to recognize a singular and exceptional achievement or accomplishment in the last 5 years that advanced wildlife conservation in Minnesota or elsewhere. Nominees must have been MNTWS members in good standing at the time of the achievement.

You can find more information about the awards, nomination guidelines, and previous winners at our website: <https://wildlife.org/mn/awards/>

NOMINATION FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY NO LATER THAN 5:00PM MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2024. LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Award recipients will be notified by February 5, 2024. The awards banquet is scheduled for Wed, Feb 28 at our annual meeting in Bemidji, MN.

For more information, issues with the submission process, or other questions, please contact:

Chair: Steve Windels

Email: mntws2014@gmail.com

Cell: 218-324-3400

NOMINATION

1. Name of Award Nominee/s:

2. Contact Information for Award Nominee (or Group Leader). Please include affiliation (if any), phone number, email, and mailing address:

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3. Name of individuals/s or organizations submitting this nomination:

4. Contact email address of nominator:

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5. Other contact information for nominator. Please include affiliation (if any), phone number, and mailing address:

6. For which award are you nominating this person or group? (select one) *

MINNESOTA AWARD: our Chapter's highest award presented to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to Minnesota's wildlife and natural resources. **COMPLETE SECTIONS 7-11.**

CONSERVATION AWARD: recognizes an organization/institution/individual for outstanding commitment to Minnesota's wildlife resources. **COMPLETE SECTIONS 7-11.**

STUDENT CONSERVATIONIST AWARD: recognizes an undergraduate or graduate student in a wildlife-related field at a Minnesota college or university who has shown high scholastic achievement, and who shows promise as a future wildlife professional. **COMPLETE SECTIONS 7-11.**

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LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARD: recognizes an individual who has demonstrated dedication and service to the protection of Minnesota's natural resources. **COMPLETE SECTIONS 7-11.**

EXCELLENCE IN MENTORSHIP: recognizes a Minnesota natural resources professional who has excelled in mentoring others in the course of their job or other relevant natural resource activities. **COMPLETE SECTIONS 7-11.**

NORTH STAR AWARD FOR SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT IN WILDLIFE CONSERVATION: recognizes a singular and exceptional achievement or accomplishment in the last 5 years that advanced wildlife conservation in Minnesota or elsewhere. Nominees must have been MNTWS members in good standing at the time of the achievement. **COMPLETE SECTIONS 12-18.**

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COMPLETE SECTIONS 7-11 for Minnesota Award, Conservation Award, Student Conservationist Award, Law Enforcement Award, and Excellence in Mentorship Award.

7. Please provide a short professional biography of the nominee/s as it pertains to this award. E.g., education, work history, etc:

8. Please describe the character and qualities of the nominee as it pertains to this award:

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9. Please describe or list the accomplishments of the nominee as it pertains to this award:

10. Please provide any other relevant information you want us to know about the nominee:

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11. You can upload additional files that you feel would be helpful for the committee in the selection process for this award nomination. Acceptable examples include Letters of Support, or a Resume/CV of the nominee. Please check other files/information you are submitting in addition to this nomination form:

Letter/s of Support

Resume/CV

Other documentation, describe here:

Email your nomination form and files to Steve Windels, Awards Chair, at mntws2014@gmail.com.

COMPLETE SECTIONS 12-18 for North Star Award for Special Achievement in Wildlife Conservation. DO NOT COMPLETE THESE SECTIONS FOR OTHER AWARDS.

12. This award, conceived in 2020, is intended to acknowledge special achievements by a member or members of the Minnesota Chapter of The Wildlife Society who were in good standing at the time of the achievement, i.e., paid members of the chapter. The award is meant to recognize a singular and exceptional achievement or accomplishment in the last 5 years that advanced wildlife conservation in Minnesota or elsewhere. Some examples include a major conservation land acquisition; a restoration project; a major research project that produced meaningful results; passage of impactful legislation at the state or federal level; publishing an impactful book or scientific publication; producing or developing a podcast, TV show, or magazine that advanced wildlife conservation; or organizing a conference, symposium, or training opportunity of significance.

13. Was the achievement accomplished/finalized in the last 5 years, and is final/not in progress?

YES

NO

14. Was the nominee a member in good standing of MNTWS at the time of achievement? If group accomplishment, were the group leader and at least 50% of nominees members in good standing of MNTWS at the time of achievement?

YES

NO

NOT SURE

15. Has this achievement been specifically recognized by other awards or recognitions?

YES

NO

NOT SURE

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Describe the nature of the achievement, including what was accomplished, when it was accomplished, and the impact of the achievement that make it worthy of this distinction. You can attach a separate Word document if additional space is needed. Please describe or list the accomplishments of the nominee as it pertains to this award:

16. Please provide a short professional biography of the nominee/s as it pertains to this award. E.g., education, work history, etc.

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THANKS FOR YOUR NOMINATION!



PLEASE CONTACT one of the following individuals if you have questions about award criteria or submission guidelines:

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