

NORTH CAROLINA CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY RECOGNITION AWARDS FOR 2009 SOLICITATION FOR NOMINEES

The NCTWS recognizes and honors individuals who have made significant contributions to the field of wildlife conservation in the broadest sense. Each year at the annual meeting, several awards are presented to deserving individuals. A description of the awards with guidelines for eligibility is given below. Please review them. Nominations for awards to be presented at the 2009 annual meeting on 18 February 2009 must be received by the Awards Committee Chairman no later than 15 January 2009. All chapter members are encouraged to consider and nominate deserving candidates for these awards. Previously unselected nominees can be re-submitted. Beginning in 2008, nominations will be kept active for two years after the year in which a nomination is made. The only way to recognize individuals is to nominate them. Please use the attached nomination form or submit a separate letter containing all the requested information. Contact Mike Baranski, Committee Chairman (Dept. of Biology, Catawba College, Salisbury, NC 28144, phone 704/637-4442, mbaransk@catawba.edu), if you have questions or need additional information. Consult the Society website (<http://www.nctws.org/awards.html>) for general information about our Chapter, last year's award winners, and nomination forms.

Description of Awards

NCTWS CHAPTER AWARD

This award is presented to a chapter member for individual effort and contributions to wildlife conservation. Service to the Society and Chapter is strongly considered, along with professional achievement. The award is a certificate or plaque and a copy of the commendation read during the awards ceremony. Presentation to the recipient is typically made at the annual meeting of the Chapter.

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AWARD

This award is presented to individuals or groups within North Carolina who deserve recognition for achievement in wildlife conservation, education, research or related endeavors. There is no requirement for Society or Chapter membership. The recognition is for accomplishments widely recognized and publicized. The award is a certificate or plaque presented to the recipient or organization at a time and location that is meaningful to the recipient and to the Chapter in terms of future interaction with others who work for the betterment of wildlife conservation.

STUDENT AWARD

The Ken Wilson Memorial Award is presented annually to a student or students, nominated by faculty members of the various schools within the State having wildlife programs and/or by Chapter members, and selected by the Awards Committee. Awards are presented for academics, contributions to research, work projects that contribute to State wildlife conservation efforts, and other accomplishments that the Chapter deems worthy of recognition. Recipients receive a cash award up to \$500, a plaque, a copy of the *Sand County Almanac*, and a letter of commendation signed by the Chapter President.

