

ARIZONA GAME AND FISH COMMISSION
2018 COMMISSION AWARDS NOMINATION FORM
 SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS **5:00 p.m., September 6, 2018**

Awards are given in 13 categories to recognize individuals, organizations, clubs, groups, agencies or foundations that have contributed significantly to Arizona's wildlife and the mission of the Arizona Game and Fish Department. Employees of the Arizona Game and Fish Department are not eligible for nomination.

Award categories and descriptions are attached. Please complete the following 5 steps to submit a nomination:

- 1. Name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address of the nominee and the category for which they are being nominated. (***Please provide phone number***)**

Nominee's Name			
Nominee's Address			
Nominee's Telephone		E-mail	
Award Category			

- 2. Please provide your name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address as the nominator for this nominee.**

Name			
Address			
Telephone		E-mail	

- 3. Describe the nominee's background in detail and include affiliations and titles (please attach extra sheets and supplemental material if desired/necessary).**

4. Describe in detail the nominee's contributions to wildlife and the mission of the Commission or the Department that would qualify them for a nomination in the award category (please attach extra sheets and supplemental material if desired/necessary).

5. Return this form and all supplemental materials by **5:00 p.m. September 6, 2018** to sbernal@azgfd.gov or mail to:

Arizona Game and Fish Department
Attn: Shay Bernal, Director's Office
5000 W. Carefree Highway
Phoenix, AZ 85086

COMMISSION AWARD CATEGORIES FOR 2018

The Arizona Game and Fish Commission solicits your nominations for their annual Commission Awards in the following categories. Nominations may include individuals, organizations, clubs, foundations or government agencies in any of the defined categories. Arizona Game and Fish Department employees are not eligible for nomination for the awards noted below.

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE: Any individual, group, organization, club, foundation, or agency that has excelled in efforts to benefit wildlife, wildlife habitats, or programs of the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

YOUTH CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR: Any individual, 18 years of age or younger, who has excelled in efforts to benefit wildlife and the mission of the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

MEDIA OF THE YEAR: Any media source (radio, television, magazine, newsletter, or periodical) or any professional or freelance writer that has published articles or materials beneficial to public interest about wildlife or wildlife related topics and the mission of the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

CONSERVATION ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR: Any organization, group, foundation, or agency that has excelled in efforts to enhance the welfare of wildlife, wildlife related recreation, and the mission of the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR: Any individual, not associated with a professional agency, that has excelled in efforts to enhance, conserve, and manage wildlife or their habitats.

NATURAL RESOURCE PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR: Any individual who through a professional agency affiliation has excelled in efforts to enhance, conserve, and manage wildlife or their habitats.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR: Any individual who, as a *registered volunteer* with the Department, has excelled in efforts to support and benefit the mission of the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR: Any individual whose educational activities have advanced and supported the welfare of wildlife, wildlife related recreation, or the mission of the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

MENTOR OF THE YEAR: Any individual who has acted in the role of a mentor and whose efforts have resulted in the promotion and support of future wildlife conservation efforts and the development of future wildlife conservation leaders in Arizona.

ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR – STATE: Any individual that has engaged in political advocacy for the betterment of wildlife conservation and in the support of the mission of the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR – FEDERAL: Any individual that has engaged in political advocacy for the betterment of wildlife conservation and in the support of the mission of the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

BUSINESS PARTNER OF THE YEAR: Any business of the Arizona Game and Fish Department who actively promotes the Department through innovative approaches, community involvement and a customer service focus that benefits the citizens of Arizona and supports the Game and Fish mission of wildlife conservation.

BUCK APPLEBY HUNTER EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR: Any hunter education instructor who actively participates in hunter education activities and demonstrates the highest level of customer service, dedication and professionalism during these activities.