

IZAACK WALTON LEAGUE OF AMERICA

Past Award Winners



National Convention

Green Bay, Wisconsin • July 19, 2025



IWLA NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

For nearly 100 years, Ikes have meet annually across America to promote the League's mission and form policies to protect clean water, provide access to places to enjoy outdoor recreation, and conserve our natural resources.

1922 Chicago, Illinois (54 Founders' Meeting)	1968 Denver, Colorado	1995 Grand Rapids, Michigan
1923-27 Chicago, Illinois	1969 Cincinnati, Ohio	1996 Merrillville, Indiana
1928 Omaha, Nebraska	1970 Norfolk, Virginia	1997 Peoria, Illinois
1929-40 Chicago, Illinois	1971 Anaheim, California	1998 Buena Park, California
1941 Washington, DC	1972 Chicago, Illinois	1999 Williamsburg, Virginia
1942-44 Chicago, Illinois	1973 Duluth, Minnesota	2000 Des Moines, Iowa
1945 None (Due to World War II)	1974 Huntington, West Virginia	2001 Fort Mitchel, Kentucky
1946-48 Chicago, Illinois	1975 Des Moines, Iowa	2002 Rochester, Minnesota
1949 Denver, Colorado	1976 Baltimore, Maryland	2003 Pierre, South Dakota
1950 Des Moines, Iowa	1977 Atlanta, Georgia	2004 Buena Park, California
1951 Cincinnati, Ohio	1978 French Lick, Indiana	2005 Dubuque, Iowa
1952 Tulsa, Oklahoma	1979 Anaheim, California	2006 Springfield, Missouri
1953 Grand Rapids, Michigan	1980 Chicago, Illinois	2007 Big Sky, Montana
1954-55 Chicago, Illinois	1981 Syracuse, New York	2008 Merrillville, Indiana
1956 Sioux City, South Dakota	1982 Rapid City, South Dakota	2009 Sioux Falls, South Dakota
1957 Washington, DC	1983 Harrisburg, Pennsylvania	2010 Grantville, Pennsylvania
1958 Colorado Springs, Colorado	1984 Des Moines, Iowa	2011 Des Moines, Iowa
1959 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	1985 Colorado Springs, Colorado	2012 Lincoln, Nebraska
1960 Minneapolis, Minnesota	1986 French Lick, Indiana	2013 Fredericksburg, Virginia
1961 Chicago, Illinois	1987 St. Paul, Minnesota	2014 Anaheim, California
1962 Portland, Oregon	1988 Green Bay, Wisconsin	2015 Pierre, South Dakota
1963 Cincinnati, Ohio	1989 Harrisburg, Pennsylvania	2016 Stevens Point, Wisconsin
1964 Davenport, Iowa	1990 Syracuse, New York	2017 Sandusky, Ohio
1965 Cody, Wyoming	1991 Rapid City, South Dakota	2018 Fredericksburg, Virginia
1966 Boston, Massachusetts	1992 Fort Mitchell, Kentucky	2019 Des Moines, Iowa
1967 Milwaukee, Wisconsin	1993 Davenport, Iowa	2020 None – 2021 Virtual (Due to COVID-19 Pandemic)
	1994 Rockville, Maryland	2022 East Peoria, Illinois *IWLA 100 th Anniversary*
		2023 Lincoln, Nebraska
		2024 Cambridge, Maryland
		2025 Green Bay, Wisconsin

FIFTY-FOUR FOUNDERS AWARD

The League's highest recognition, given to that person, group or institution judged to have made an outstanding contribution over the years to the conservation of America's natural resources.

1949 William Vogt	1986 None
1950 Natural Resources Task Force of the Hoover Commission	1987 Willard M. Munger
1951 Dr. Hugh Hammond Bennett	1988 – 1989 None
1952 Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District of Ohio	1989 Jane Dustin
1953 None	1990 None
1954 Dr. Ira N. Gabrielson	1991 David Zentner
1955 Resources for the Future Inc	1992 Judge Howard White
1956 Arthur H. Carhart	1993 None
1957 Clifford R. Hope	1994 Jack Lorenz
1958 Dr. E. R. Kalmbach	1995 None
1959 Seth Gordon	1996 Charles and Leila Wiles
1960 Maytag Company	1997 Paul Toren
1961 None	1998 - 1999 None
1962 Lawrence S. Rockefeller	2000 Donald Ferris
1963 Rachel Carson	2001 Dr. Roy Overton
1964 Hon. Stewart L. Udall	2002 Stanford M. Adams
1965 Congressman Wayne N. Aspinall	2003 Monty Montgomery
1966 Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson	2004 None
1967 Hon. Paul H. Douglas	2005 Wendell P. Haley
1968 Vinton W. Bacon	2006 James R. Haring
1969 Sigurd F. Olson	2007 Paul W. Hansen
1970 Congressman John P. Saylor	2008 Chuck and Gail Woosley
1971 Raymond A. Hails	2009 Timothy W. Reid and Mike Williams
1972 Joseph W. Penfold	2010 Raymond C. Zehler
1973 Frank B. Hubachek	2011 Dale Brentnall
1974 Thomas E. Dustin	2012 Lloyd E. Miller
1975 Malcolm King	2013 Charles “Chuck” Clayton
1976 –1978 None	2014 Herbert P. and Charlotte J. Read
1979 M. L. Bud Heinselman and Donald Fraser	2015 Jim A. Madsen
1980 Earl Sandvig	2016 Robert I. Stegmier
1981 Senator John C. Culver	2017 – 2020 None
1982 – 1983 None	2021 Miles Greenbaum
1984 David and Judy Siddon	2022 Wes Sheets
1985 Frank Bellrose	2023 Paul W. Lepisto
	2024 Jodi Labs

HALL OF FAME AWARD

Commemorates members who have given long and devoted service to the League and who have achieved a record of outstanding accomplishment. Limited up to 5 per year.

1959	Will H. Dilg	1981	Sam McDowell
1960	Dr. Preston Bradley • Dr. John W. Scott Kenneth A. Reid • Ivar Hennings J. N. Ding Darling • Cliff Hallowell	1982	Harvey Adams • Reis Tuttle Raymond W. Radcliff
1961	Gene Stratton Porter • Grace Beach Aldo Leopold	1983	C. B. Harris
1962	Joseph Penfold • William L. Finley	1984	Allan L. Kelly • W. Wes Libbey J. Clanton Armstrong Elwyn Nash • Herbert P. Read G. A. "Jerry" Ellis
1963	Sigurd F. Olson • Emerson Hough	1985	Helen V. Stammen
1964	Anne Shoemaker • Thomas Ambrose Louis Radke	1986	Delmer Miller • Franklin Adams Thomas W. Fisher
1965	Will Walling • Tom Wallace Fred N. Peet • S.B. Locke Hazel A. Anderson • Walter Frye Harry F. Harper • George E. Scott Charles E. Piersall	1987	Dyas Rawlings • William H. Wertz Stanley H. Myers • Wendell P. Haley Dr. Charles I. Wiles, Jr.
1966	Dr. Harry Baldwin Ward • L.H. Dunten Herbert Hoover • Judge Grover Ladner Joe Karmann • Judge George W. Wood	1988	Mary Fuchs • Dr. Robert Hire Roy Crockett • J. Wistar Stowe Charlie Crawford • Grace Crawford
1967	Wilma La Budde • Merle J. Brown Ed Rhinehart	1989	Paul Toren • Paul Cyphert
1968	Burton H. Atwood • Paul Clement Arthur "Pops" Senior • Herb Kelly	1991	Jack Lorenz • Fred Cooper Bill Hornecker • Jim Westphal Thelma "Pete" Reed
1969	None	1992	Bob Russell • Dale Brentnall Keith Taylor
1970	Reynolds Harnsberger	1993	Dr. Larry Smith • Harry Enstrom
1971	Oscar A. Becker	1994	Rosemary Wilson • Kenneth Borden Gladys Borden • Kenneth Shultz Robert Lowe
1972	G. M. Van Hoesen	1995	Samuel A. Carr, Jr. • Melvin Breakiron Francis "Curly" Satterlee
1973	Vernon D. Hagelin • Edna H. Hill Dr. William Holton	1996	Marie Crowley
1974	Judge John Tobin	1997	Howard Anderson • Ephe M. Oliver Anna Jo Schekelhoff • Ray Zehler
1975	David B. Charlton, PhD. Alden J. Erskine • Burt Marston	1998	Dale Kretchman
1976	Howard White	1999	Jerome Beuchert • Gorman Fry Don Wolland • Leslie King
1977	Elton Fawks	2000	Jane Dustin • Charlotte Read William Shaffer
1978	Malcolm E. King • Leo G. Windish Frank B. Hubachek	2001	Timothy W. Reid • Dean Knight Monty Montgomery Walter and Ruth Lynn
1979	Richard Kuck		
1980	James Potter • Ollie Diller		

- 2002 Dr. Roger Sears • Elizabeth “Liz” Roy
- 2003 Don McClung
Charles and Gail Woosley
- 2004 Bill and Ethyle Bloch • Garrit Struck
Lou Ireland • R. James Swanson
Jack Hackney
- 2005 Thomas Kornbau • Jean Ross
Victor Smith • Leila Wiles
Paul Wilson
- 2006 William R. West • Michael Chenoweth
- 2007 A. Lee Hays • Bill Kling
Robert Stegmier • Bobby Wright
- 2008 Charlotta and Nelson Burton
James Caligiuri • Marie Cyphert
Charles “Ed” Higdon • Pauline Novotny
- 2009 Terry Eberly • Donald C. Freeman
Dawn A. Olson • James A. Thomas
William “Pete” Peterson
- 2010 Chuck Bauer • James A. Daniels
Duane A. DeVries
Bruce S. and Mary E. Evans
- 2011 Chuck Clayton • Jill Crafton
Miles Greenbaum • Will Lehner
Arthur Janovsky
- 2012 Charlotte Brooker • Joe Gavin
Thomas R. Holm
- 2013 Stanley and Patricia Jarosz
Terry McCloskey
Byron “Butch” Mezick
Herbert P. and Charlotte J. Read
- 2014 Robert Bemis • Roger R. Parham
Philip C. Ross
- 2015 Gerald Ernst • Ron Kuipers
Bruce F. McGlenn
- 2016 Rick Cerwick • Elizabeth McCloskey
Gary and Cherry Schwartz
- 2017 Walter Breitingner • Shawn M. Gallagher
Paul Schimke
- 2018 Kenneth W. Dufalla
Dr. William H. Roberts, Jr.
- 2019 Avifauna Program of the Bethesda-
Chevy Chase Chapter, Maryland
Barbara A. Pritchett
- 2020 George Coakley • Lee Hays
Herbert W. Pritchett, Sr.
- 2021 Stephen and Betty Castner
- 2022 Robert Blosser • Robert J. Pavlick, Sr.
Jim Piateski • Richard C. Staffon
Ted Suss
- 2023 William Leaman, Sr.
William N. Legg *Posthumous*
Richard G. Sommer
- 2024 Jeanne Agneessnes • Richard Brown
Anita Stonebraker • Brenda Swartz
Mat Webber

SAVE OUR STREAMS AWARD

Recognizes individuals, organizations, members, or chapters who best demonstrated the principles of environmental education and citizen action in the pursuit of clean water.

1979	Greater Seattle Chapter, Washington	2011	Diana Chapter, Indiana Indiana Dunes State Park, Indiana Muddy Branch Alliance, Maryland
1980	Creekside Chapter, Minnesota	2012	Ken Schroll • Mike Delaney Harry Enstrom Chapter, Pennsylvania
1981	Berks County Chapter, Pennsylvania	2013	Brownsville Area Chapter, Pennsylvania Girl Scout Troup #536, Virginia Fredericksburg-Rappahannock Chapter, Virginia
1982	Greater Seattle Chapter, Washington	2014	Central New York Chapter, New York Harry Kidder • Sandra Royce
1984 - 1986	None	2015	Monongalia County Chapter, West Virginia Northwest Indiana Paddling Association, Indiana • Bonnie Swarner
1987	Bill Keiffer Lakeway and Mossy Creek Chapters, Tennessee	2016	Timothy Doxey • Griffith Chapter, Indiana
1988	Elgin Chapter, Illinois	2017	Central New York Chapter, New York Dr. William H. Roberts, Jr. • Jim McCord
1991	Greater Seattle Chapter, Washington	2018	Jeff Clow • R. John Dawes Leslie G. Monostory
1992	Griffith Chapter, Indiana	2019	Mike Fuge Pond and Stream Committee (Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter, Maryland)
1993	York Chapter #67, Pennsylvania	2020	Jay Butler • Susan Swarner Save Our Streams Team (Lois Green-Sligo Chapter, Maryland)
1994	None	2021	Susan Heathcote • Philip Langner Tom Lenhart
1995	Linn County Chapter, Iowa	2022	Grace Kann • Colleen Miltenberger Edgar "Butch" Morris
1996	York Chapter #67, Pennsylvania	2023	Daniel J. Dutton • Phillip Mariscal Friends of the Minnesota Valley, Minnesota
1997	Westwood Village Chapter, California	2024	SOS Team (Frederick #1 Chapter, Maryland) Cass County Chapter, Minnesota • Art Foltz Alison Lang-Hickey • Mount Airy Chapter, Maryland • Pond and Stream Committee (Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter, Maryland)
1998	Griffith Chapter, Indiana Uniontown Chapter, Pennsylvania Roanoke Valley Chapter, Virginia		
1999	None		
2000	York Chapter #67, Pennsylvania		
2001	Loudoun County Chapter, Virginia		
2002	None		
2003	Crater Lake Chapter, Oregon		
2004	Central New York Chapter, New York		
2005	Walter J. Breckenridge Chapter, Minnesota		
2006	Stacey Brown • Tom Vegella Jack Soulis		
2007	Bill Cook Chapter, Wisconsin Bush Lake Chapter, Minnesota Cincinnati Chapter, Ohio		
2008	Austin Chapter #10, Minnesota George Coakley Warren County Chapter, Virginia		
2009	Thomas L. Kornbau		
2010	Roger Parham • Colin P. Riley Project Watershed – Central New York Chapter, New York		

BEST CHAPTER AND DIVISION WEBSITE AWARDS

Awarded each year to a League chapter and division whose Websites are deemed the best.

2006	Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter, Maryland	2017	Fredericksburg-Rappahannock Chapter, Virginia
2007	Cincinnati Chapter, Ohio and South Dakota Division	2018	Suffolk-Nansemond Chapter, Virginia
2008	York Chapter #67, Pennsylvania	2019	Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Virginia
2009	Frederick #1 Chapter, Maryland	2020	Loudoun County Chapter, Virginia
2010	Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter, Maryland	2021	Winchester Chapter, Virginia and Illinois Division
2011	Wildlife Achievement Chapter, Maryland	2022	Sioux Falls Chapter, South Dakota
2012	Harry Enstrom Chapter, Pennsylvania	2023	Rockville Chapter, Maryland
2013	Frederick #1 Chapter, Maryland	2024	Marshall County Chapter, Iowa and Iowa Division
2014	Rockville Chapter, Maryland and Virginia Division		
2015	Suffolk-Nansemond Chapter, Virginia		
2016	Tiffin-Seneca County Chapter, Ohio and Ohio Division		

JOHN C. GREGORY MEMORIAL AWARD

Recognizes the state division with the greatest numerical gain in members.

1956	New York	1991	Virginia
1957	Indiana	1992	Maryland
1958	Virginia	1993	Virginia
1959	Oklahoma	1994	West Virginia
1960	Virginia	1995	Virginia
1961	Virginia	1996	Virginia
1962	Nebraska	1997	Virginia
1963	Oregon	1998	Indiana
1964	Illinois	1999	Maryland
1965	Iowa	2000	Ohio
1966	Maryland	2001	Virginia
1967	Virginia	2002	Virginia
1968	Virginia	2003	Colorado
1970	None	2004	Iowa
1971	Minnesota	2005	Colorado
1972	Virginia	2006	South Dakota
1973	Iowa	2007	South Dakota
1974	Iowa	2008	Indiana
1975	Colorado	2009	Virginia
1976	Pennsylvania	2010	Colorado
1977	Iowa	2011	Iowa
1978	Virginia	2012 - 2013	Virginia
1980	Iowa	2014 - 2015	Wisconsin
1981	Nebraska	2016	Indiana
1982	Indiana	2017	Ohio
1983	Pennsylvania	2018	Oregon
1984	Iowa	2019	Colorado
1985	Ohio	2020	Indiana
1986	Illinois	2021	Iowa
1987	Virginia	2022	Virginia
1988	Ohio	2023	Iowa
1989	Virginia	2024	Indiana
1990	Indiana		

BEST DIVISION NEWSLETTER

Awarded each year to the state division newsletter deemed the best.

1979	Indiana – <i>Hoosier Waltonian</i>	1999	Virginia Division – <i>Conservation Record</i>
1980	Virginia – <i>Conservation Record</i>	2000	Oregon Division – <i>Oregon Ike</i>
1981	Maryland – <i>Maryland Waltonian</i>		Ohio Division – <i>Buckeye Ike Line</i>
1982	Maryland – <i>Maryland Waltonian</i>	2001	None
1983	Maryland Division – <i>Maryland Waltonian</i>	2002	Michigan – <i>Michigan Division News</i>
1984	Maryland Division – <i>Maryland Waltonian</i>	2003	Oregon – <i>Oregon Ike</i>
1985	Maryland Division – <i>Maryland Waltonian</i>	2004	None
1986	Indiana Division – <i>Hoosier Waltonian</i>	2005	Maryland – <i>Maryland Waltonian</i>
1987	Maryland Division – <i>Maryland Waltonian</i>	2006	Indiana – <i>Hoosier Waltonian</i>
1988	Minnesota – <i>Minnesota Waltonian</i>	2007	None
1989	Illinois Division – <i>Illini Ike</i>	2008	Maryland – <i>Maryland Waltonian</i>
1990	Maryland Division – <i>Maryland Waltonian</i>	2009 - 2010	None
1991	Maryland Division – <i>Maryland Waltonian</i>	2011	Maryland – <i>Maryland Waltonian</i>
1992	Virginia Division – <i>Conservation Record</i>	2012 - 2013	None
1993	Maryland Division – <i>Maryland Waltonian</i>	2014	Maryland – <i>Maryland Waltonian</i>
1994	Maryland Division – <i>Maryland Waltonian</i>	2015 - 2016	None
1995	Maryland Division – <i>Maryland Waltonian</i>	2017	Indiana – <i>Hoosier Waltonian</i>
1996	Maryland Division – <i>Maryland Waltonian</i>	2018 - 2021	None
1997	Minnesota Division – <i>Minnesota Waltonian</i>	2022	Maryland – <i>Maryland Waltonian</i>
1998	Oregon Division – <i>Oregon Ike</i>	2023 - 2024	None

ROBERT C. O'HAIR MEMORIAL AWARD

A monetary gift and award presented annually to two chapters (fewer than 500 and greater than 500 members – effective 2012) conducting the most worthy youth program during the previous year.

1961	Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter, Maryland	1999	Rockville Chapter, Maryland
1962	Sportsman's Chapter, Maryland	2000	Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter, Maryland
1963	Lady Waltonians Chapter, Illinois	2001	Loudoun County Chapter, Virginia
1964	Fairmont Chapter, Illinois	2002	Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter, Maryland
1965	Fort Wayne Chapter, Indiana	2003	York Chapter #67, Pennsylvania
1966	Northwestern Chapter, Ohio	2004	Rockville Chapter, Maryland
1967	None	2005	Rockville Chapter, Maryland
1968	Fredericksburg-Rappahannock Chapter, Virginia	2006	Izaak Walton Cottage Chapter, England
1969	None	2007	Clinton County Chapter, Iowa
1970	Ding Darling Chapter, Iowa	2008	York Chapter #67, Pennsylvania
1971– 72	None	2009	Mountaineer Chapter, West Virginia
1973	Fenton Chapter, Michigan	2010	Brown County Chapter, Wisconsin
1974	Woodford County Chapter, Illinois	2011	West Central Chapter, Iowa
1975	Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Virginia	2012	Hamilton, Ohio (<500) Rockville, Maryland (>500)
1976	Sportsman's Chapter, Maryland	2013	Oil City Chapter, Pennsylvania (<500) Dragoon Trail Chapter, Iowa (>500)
1977	Howard County Chapter, Indiana	2014	Porter County Chapter, Indiana (<500) Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter, Maryland (>500)
1978	Glen Park Chapter, Indiana	2015	Brown County Chapter, Wisconsin (<500) Rockville Chapter, Maryland (>500)
1979	United Counties Chapter, Iowa	2016	Porter County Chapter, Indiana (<500) Rockville Chapter, Maryland (>500)
1980	None	2017	Central New York Chapter, New York (<500) Loudoun County Chapter, Virginia (>500)
1981	None	2018	Porter County Chapter, Indiana (<500) Rockville Chapter, Maryland (>500)
1982	Des Plaines Chapter, Illinois	2019	Loudoun County Chapter, Virginia (>500)
1983	Dwight Lydell Chapter, Michigan	2020	Rockville Chapter, Maryland (>500)
1984	Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter, Maryland	2021	Winchester Chapter, Virginia (>500)
1985	Marshall County Chapter, Iowa	2022	Minnesota Valley Chapter, Minnesota (<500) Rockville Chapter, Maryland (>500)
1986	Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter, Maryland	2023	Porter County Chapter, Indiana (<500) Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter, Maryland (>500)
1987	Hamilton Chapter, Ohio	2024	Brown County Chapter, Wisconsin (<500) Rockville Chapter, Maryland (>500)
1988	York Chapter, Pennsylvania		
1989	Rockville Chapter, Maryland		
1990	Austin Chapter, Minnesota		
1991	Seward County Chapter, Nebraska		
1992	Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Virginia		
1993	None		
1994	Rockville Chapter, Maryland		
1995	None		
1996	Kampeska Chapter, South Dakota		
1997	Blackhawk, Geneseo and Kewanee Chapters, Illinois		
1998	Mountaineer Chapter, West Virginia		

BEST CHAPTER NEWSLETTER AWARD

**Awarded each year to two chapters (fewer than 500 and greater than 500 members – effective 2000)
with newsletters deemed the best.**

1967	Des Moines Chapter, Iowa		
1968	Des Moines Chapter, Iowa		
1969	None		
1970	Des Moines Chapter, Iowa		
1971	Wabash Chapter, Indiana		
1972	Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Virginia		
1973	Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Virginia		
1974	Calumet Region Chapter, Illinois		
1975	Berks County Chapter, Pennsylvania		
1976	Wabash Chapter, Indiana		
1977	Agassiz Chapter, Minnesota		
1978	Pikes Peak Chapter, Colorado		
1979	Mary's Peak Chapter, Oregon		
1980	Pikes Peak Chapter, Colorado		
1981	Pikes Peak Chapter, Colorado		
1982	Pikes Peak Chapter, Colorado		
1983	Grand Rapids Chapter, Minnesota		
1984	Rockville Chapter, Maryland		
1985	Des Plaines Chapter, Illinois		
1986	Seward County Chapter, Nebraska		
1987	Des Moines Chapter, Iowa		
1988	Evansville Chapter, Indiana		
1989	Evansville Chapter, Indiana		
1990	Griffith Chapter, Indiana		
	Greater Ozarks Chapter, Missouri		
1991	Uniontown Chapter, Pennsylvania		
1992	Des Moines Chapter, Iowa		
1993	San Pedro Chapter, California		
1994	Lorain County Ely Chapter, Ohio		
1995	San Pedro Chapter, California		
	Griffith Chapter, Indiana		
1996	Lorain County Ely Chapter, Ohio		
1997	Loudoun County Chapter, Virginia		
1998	Miller Chapter, Indiana		
1999	Hamilton Chapter, Ohio		
2000	Dwight Lydell Chapter, Michigan		
	Cypress Chapter, Florida		
2001	Griffith Chapter, Indiana		
2002	Uniontown Chapter, Pennsylvania		
	Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter, Maryland		
2003	Maine Chapter, Maine		
	Fenton Chapter, Michigan		
2004	Griffith Chapter, Indiana		
	Walter J. Breckenridge Chapter, Minnesota		
2005	Izaak Walton Cottage Chapter, England		
	Dwight Lydell Chapter, Michigan		
2006	Owatonna Chapter, Minnesota		
	Rockville Chapter, Maryland		
2007	Clinton County Chapter, Iowa		
	Fredericksburg-Rappahannock Chapter, Virginia		
2008	Dwight Lydell Chapter, Michigan		
	Lincoln Chapter, Nebraska		
2009	Frederick #1 Chapter, Maryland		
	Rockville Chapter, Maryland		
2010	West Central Iowa Chapter, Iowa		
	Winchester Chapter, Virginia		
2011	Dwight Lydell Chapter, Michigan		
	Wildlife Achievement Chapter, Maryland		
2012	Izaak Walton Cottage Chapter, England (<500)		
	Rockville Chapter, Maryland (>500)		
2013	Warren County Chapter, Virginia (<500)		
2014	Suffolk-Nansemond Chapter, Virginia (<500)		
	Alexandria Chapter, Virginia (>500)		
2015	Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter, Maryland (>500)		
2016	Dwight Lydell Chapter, Michigan (<500)		
2017	Southwestern Wisconsin Chapter, Wisc. (<500)		
	Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Virginia (>500)		
2018	Des Moines Chapter, Iowa (<500)		
	Winchester Chapter, Virginia (>500)		
2019	Owatonna Chapter, Minnesota (<500)		
	Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Virginia (>500)		
2020	Porter County Chapter, Indiana (<500)		
	Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter, Maryland (>500)		
2021	Suffolk-Nansemond Chapter (<500)		
	Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Virginia (>500)		
2022	Sioux Falls Chapter, South Dakota (<500)		
	Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter, Maryland (>500)		
2023	Dwight Lydell Chapter, Michigan (<500)		
2024	Hamilton Chapter, Ohio (<500)		
	Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Virginia (>500)		

HONOR ROLL AWARD

**Recognizes non-member individuals or groups
for outstanding accomplishments involving
conservation, public information, or publicity
efforts in keeping with the League's goals.
Limited up to 10 per year.**

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| 1949 | Jack Van Coevering, <i>The Detroit Free Press</i> | | Association of Great Lakes Outdoor Writers |
| 1950 | None | | National Audubon Society |
| 1951 | Tom Wallace, Louisville, Kentucky | 1967 | League of Women Voters Education Fund |
| | Mike Hudaba Washington, DC | | United Auto Workers of America |
| | Ed Dodd, Atlanta, Georgia | | Sinclair Refining Company |
| 1952 | <i>Portland Oregonian</i> | | Walter H. Sherry |
| | <i>Denver Post</i> | | National Audubon Society |
| 1953 | Smokey Bear (Foote. Cone and Belding) | | Sierra Club |
| 1954 | Virginia Wildlife | | National Sporting Goods Association |
| | Ohio Conservation Bulletin | | The Sears-Roebuck Foundation |
| | Missouri Conservationist | 1968 | <i>The Chicago Tribune</i> |
| | Colorado Springs Waltonian – | | <i>Minneapolis Tribune</i> |
| | Pikes Peak and S. McFarland Chapters | | <i>The Free Lance-Star of Fredericksburg</i> |
| 1955 | Walt Disney Productions • Minneapolis Moline | 1969 | National Rifle Association of America |
| 1956 | Sinclair Oil Corporation | | Wisconsin Division of the IWLA |
| 1957 | Samuel Moment • Viscose Corporation | 1970 | American Fisheries Society |
| | George Hocenyos | | Virginia Division of Forestry |
| 1958 | Irvin H. Luiten, Tacoma, Washington | | William J. Scott, Attorney General of Illinois |
| | Arthur K. Roberts, Portland, Oregon | | Louis L. Clapper, Conservation Director |
| | G Marvin Shutt, Chicago, Illinois | | National Wildlife Federation |
| 1959 | Sport Fishing Institute, | | Fred E. Morn, Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources |
| | Sigurd Olson, Ely, Minnesota | 1971 | SOLV (Stop Oregon Litter and Vandalism Inc.) |
| | Arthur Godfrey, Paeonian Springs, Virginia | | Ernest R. Jeffried, Oregon |
| 1960 | Rep. John A. Blatnik, Minnesota | 1972 | William J. Scott, Attorney General of Illinois |
| | Claus J. Murie, Wyoming | | West Michigan Environmental Action Council |
| | Marvin Dalechow, Maquoketa, Iowa | 1973 | Charles Kulp |
| | Edward L Kohlne, Dayton, Ohio | | Thomas Stundza, Gary, Indiana Post Tribune |
| | Roger Latham. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania | 1974 | Joseph Famish, Nature Notes, Chicago Tribune |
| 1961 | George Dewey, Yellow Springs, Ohio | | George Neavoll, Fort Wayne Journal Gazette |
| | Maynard Reece, Des Moines, Iowa | | Tom McCall, Governor of Oregon |
| 1962 | Talbott Denmead, III, Baltimore, Maryland | 1975 | Gloria Buzzard and the |
| | Charles K. Fox | | Save the Grove Committee, Glenview, IL |
| | R. L. Eckelberry, Columbus, Ohio | | Anne H. Smoot, Owens, VA |
| 1963 | The American Motors Corporation | | Newton H. Ancarrow, VA |
| | The Sears Roebuck Foundation | | Dr. Howard A. Tanner, |
| 1964 | Palm Beach Bureau, <i>Miami Herald</i> | | Michigan Dept. of Natural Resources |
| | Holy Family College, Manitowoc, Wisconsin | | Touch of Nature Environmental Center, |
| | Illinois Federation of Sportsman's Clubs | | Southern Illinois University |
| | Huntley-Brinkley and NBC | 1976 | Terry Ingram, Apple River, Illinois • Roy Beck |
| 1965 | Juanita Greene and <i>The Miami Herald</i> | 1977 | Ed Dodd – Creator of Mark Trail comic strip |
| | White Castle Inc., Ohio | 1978 | Lou Wein, Fort Wayne Journal |
| | Vic and Maud, Thompson, West Point, Nebraska | | Norma Ellefson, Illinois teacher |
| | League of Women Voters of the United States | 1979 | None |
| | Jess Coleman Hunter, Abilene, Texas | 1980 | Taft Broadcasting, Kentucky |
| | Vera Ranstron and the Elgin Daily Courier | | Iowa Public Service Co., Iowa |
| | Citizens Comm. for the Outdoor Rec. | 1981 | Dr. J. Whitfield Gibbons, Kiawah |
| | Resource Review Comm. Report | | Island Company, Aiken, South Carolina |
| 1966 | P.T. Fisher and the Fisher Pierce Co. | | A.E. Stanley Manufacturing Co., |
| | Robert L. Buzzard, League in Clean Water, | | Donald E. Norlund, Decatur, Illinois |
| | Illinois | 1982 | BKK Corporation, Torrance, California |
| | Baytown, Texas Refinery of the | | Gerald Adelman, Lockport, Illinois |
| | Humble Oil and Refining Co. | 1983 | Zoo America, Hershey, Pennsylvania. |
| | | 1984 | Jasper County Conservation Board |
| | | | Cecil Andres, ID • Carl Sullivan, Bethesda, |
| | | | Maryland |
| | | | Waterfowl Festival Inc., Easton, Maryland |
| | | | Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation, Portland |
| | | 1985 | William F. "Bill" Stevens • Radio Station KFJB |
| | | 1986 | Ohio Power Company |
| | | | Jerry Rasmussen, USFWS Biologist, Rock |

Island, Illinois
 Midwest Grain Products, Pekin, Illinois
 1987 Jennifer Hartman (13), Burlington, Colorado
 Pittsburgh Plate Glass Inc., Pittsburgh, PA
 1988 Linda Meyer, East Chicago, Indiana
 Colleen Aquirre, East Chicago, Indiana
 Marge Surufka, East Chicago, Indiana
 John R. Bender, Councilman, Elyria, Ohio
 Dennis Anderson, St. Paul Pioneer
 Press Dispatch, Minnesota
 Tenneco Oil Exploration and Production
 Techsonic Industries, Inc., Eufala, Oklahoma
 Dr. Renate Skinner, Florida
 1989 William Sterk, President of Able
 Sanitation, Jenison, Michigan
 KBJR-TV, Duluth, MN producer of
 "The Sky Was Black with Them"
 1990 Jerry Fearing, St. Paul, Minnesota, *Pioneer
 Press and Dispatch*
 KKTV Channel 11, Colorado Springs, Colorado
 The Mansard, Company
 John Weiss, *Rochester Post-Bulletin*, Minnesota
 The H. J. Heinz Corporation
 The Unocal Corporation
 Donald Roseboom
 Rivers and Streams Committee of the
 Conservation Federation of Missouri
 1991 Don Miller, Laramie, WY
 George Pazik, WI
 Diecast Division of Tecumseh Products,
 Sheboygan Falls, WI
 The Gazette Telegraph (Kidzette),
 Colorado Springs, CO
 Gordon Gullion. Cloquet, MN
 Union Carbide Linde Division,
 Chesterton, IN
 1992 Dublin Productions, Inc., MN
 Leonard Monahan Lubers and Partners, MN
 John McPhee, The New Yorker Magazine
 City of DePere, WI
 1993 William Bond, MD Dept. of Natural Resources
 Missouri Department of Conservation,
 Forestry Division
 Kathryn Love, MO, Department
 of Conservation Magazine
 Wal-Mart Stores Inc.
 1994 Rep. Wayne Gilchrest, MD
 Rep. Sherwood Boehlert, NY
 Sen. John Chafee, RI
 Missouri Department of Conservation,
 TV program "Missouri Outdoors"
 Starker Forests, Inc., OR
 1995 Rep. Jim Jontz, IN • DuWayne Johnsrud, WI
 Rep. Vernon Ehlers, MI
 Art Henderlong and the Hobart High
 School Science Class, IN
 1996 Jenni Vincent, Times West Virginian
 Rep. Jane Harman, California,
 Rep. Jim Jontz, Indiana
 Rep. Spencer Black, Wisconsin

Patrick Noonan, Conservation Fund
 1997 Joe Harper • Michael L. McGill
 Jenny Oran • Leon Wendte
 Royal Caribbean Cruise Line
 1998 Gary Laidig • Keith Lair
 1999 Kristen Milton • Max McYoung
 Anheuser-Busch Company
 Representative Don Young • George Miller
 Joe Hale • Bruce Vento
 2000 Ray McCormick • Chip Hart
 Gary Burt • Ed Mullady
 Bob and Joan Ericksen • Skelly and Loy, Inc.
 Pheasants Forever, Susquehanna Chapter
 2001 Michael Snigg • Richard Leopold
 Rock Lake Community Volunteers
 The Potomac Conservancy
 2002 Richard King Mellon Foundation
 ProPeten • Dr. Gary Alt
 Walmart Store, Germantown, Maryland
 2003 Parks as Laboratories,
 National Park Service
 2004 Montgomery County, Maryland
 Department of
 Environmental Protection
 Rick Schultz • Davis Health System
 Michael Reuter
 2005 John L. Morris — Bass Pro Shops
 Friends of Sligo Creek
 Delores Milmoie • John Cooper
 Friends of Decker's Creek
 2006 West Virginia Wildlife Diversity Program
 Betty Curtis • Marriott International, Inc.
 2007 After School Discoveries
 American Chestnut Foundation
 Friends of Pool 9 • Wal-Mart Inc.
 Randolph County Sheriff's Department, WV
 2008 Gitte Laasby • Linh D. Phu
 Mayor Mark Schwiebert
 West Virginia State Conservation Camp
 2009 James Fregonara • Phyllis Green
 William Kappel • Jeffrey D. Kelble
 Barbara Knapp • Katherine Nelson
 Thomas Oldham
 2010 Allegheny Mountain Friends of NRA Committee
 Julie Dieguez • Shawn G. Head
 Dr. Anthony R. Hoch • Kimberly Knox
 Willard Agri-Service
 2011 Terry L. Gompert • Paul Hlavinka
 Bob Marshall • Thomas Perry
 West Virginia Botanic Garden, West Virginia
 2012 John H. Davidson • Michael Echterling
 Margaret "Meg" Leader • Leland McDonald
 Randolph County Recycling Center, WV
 2013 Ankeny, Iowa, Optimist Club
 Harry Lee Cross, III
 CSX Intermodal – Chambersburg, PA
 Terminal
 U.S. Representative John D. Dingell, Jr,
 Michigan
 Fredericksburg Academy Middle School Science

- Program, Virginia
 Angelo A. Puglisi, A&M Investments
 James L. Woltz, Woltz and Associates
 Thomas M. Clarke, Virginia Conservation
 Legacy Fund
 Faye Cooper, Valley Conservation Council
- 2014 Friends of Lake Keowee Society, Seneca, SC
 Erin N. Morris, Cincinnati Park Board, Ohio
- 2015 Albert "Al" Daher
 Seneca Valley Chapter No. 369 –
 Trout Unlimited, Maryland
 Izabela Sikora • Lisa Stadler
 Stadler Nurseries • Ronald K. Wisniewski
- 2016 Mary Baker • Christina Barrineau
 CropSmith, Inc. • Steven W. Effler
 Steve Hornady • Hubele-Tomm Farm, LCC
 Nathan Metzger • Kristy Meyer
 Meredith Smith
- 2017 Friends of the Indiana Dunes
 Friends of the Seneca Creek Park, Maryland
 Wray Mills • Brian Shimkus
- 2018 Central Platte Natural Resources District,
 Nebraska
 Jan Goldman-Carter • Dr. Russell Nemecek
 Linda Schneider
 York County Conservation District,
 Pennsylvania
- 2019 Jason Berhardt • Bill Markle
 Dr. Elizabeth W. Schnabel
- 2020 Nicole Harmon • John McAuliffe
 Rebecca Rolnick • Neil Shaffer
 Hunter Slifka
- 2021 Andre Jahnz-Davis
 Griffieon Family Farm, Iowa
 Wells Fargo Green Team • Wildlife Prairie Park
- 2022 Jim Louderman
 Steve Moyer – Trout Unlimited
 Poolesville High School Global Ecology
 Program
- 2023 Destiny Boggs • Grant & Dawn Breithkreutz
 Gregory Cwalina • General Mills
 Harford Land Trust
 Lake Keowee Source Water Protection Team
 Dr. John T. Lill • Dr. Martha R. Weiss
 Ohio Valley Forestry Fellowship
 Upstate Forever – South Carolina
- 2024 Louise Broderick
 Chesapeake Women Anglers
 Joe Dorrian – Ohio School of Falconry

THE ARTHUR R. THOMPSON AWARD

Recognizes a division for outstanding conservation activities.

1960	Virginia Division	1990	None
1961	- 1962 Oregon Division	1991	Ohio Division
1963	Indiana Division	1992	Virginia Division
1964	- 1967 Virginia Division	1993	None
1968	Illinois Division	1994	West Virginia Division
1969	- 1970 Wisconsin Division	1995	None
1971	Virginia Division	1996	Minnesota Division
1972	Maryland Division	1997	None
1973	Illinois Division	1998	Indiana Division
1974 – 1981	None	1999	None
1982	None	2000	West Virginia Division
1983	Maryland Division	2001 – 2017	None
1984	None	2018	West Virginia Division
1985	Indiana Division	2019 — 2021	None
1986	Indiana Division	2022	Minnesota Division
1987	None	2023	West Virginia
1988	None	2024	Ohio Division
1989	Oregon Division		

OUTDOOR ETHICS AWARD

Recognizes individuals, organizations, members, or chapters judged to have done outstanding work in outdoor ethics during the previous year.

1998	Loudoun County Anti-Poaching Fund	2011	Christopher Bonatti, Maryland Timothy Ferguson, Indiana Charles Garland, Iowa
1999 — 2000	None	2012	None
2001	R. Lee Irwin	2013	Woodie Walker, II
2002	West Woods Committee, Bethesda Chevy Chase Chapter, Maryland	2014 — 2015	None
2003	Randolph Royen	2016	Meosotis C. Curtis, Maryland
2004	Bethesda Chevy Chase Chapter, Maryland	2017	Daniel C. Davis, Virginia Mark Gochnour, Maryland Scott W. Harmon, Maryland
2005	David Anderson	2018	Tiffin-Seneca County Chapter, Ohio
2006	Scott Tanner, Ohio	2019	Paul and Elaine Anderson, Indiana
2007	Ben Kelkye, Maryland Rockville Chapter, Maryland Woodmont Chapter, Maryland	2020	Mark A. LaBarbera, Wisconsin
2008	John Lamb, Maryland Loudoun County Chapter, Virginia	2021	Gerald Crowell, Virginia Bob Quinn, Iowa
2009	None	2022	None
2010	Paul Schimke	2023	Larry W. Anderson, Maryland Curt R. Howard, Maryland
		2024	Women Sharing The Outdoors Program (Mount Healthy Chapter, Ohio)

CONSERVATION AWARD

Recognizes members' contributions to conservation in the name of the League. Limited up to 12 per year.

1960	Margaret Black, Iowa David B. Charleton, Oregon James W. Wilke, Hopkins, Minnesota		Arlene Olson • Betty North, Minnesota
1961	Benjamin Pitts, Fredericksburg, Virginia H. Howard Oak Marshalltown, Iowa	1977	James Potter, Oregon Wes Libbey, Minnesota • Carl Rahe, Ohio Claude and Nadine McDowell, Arkansas Bruce Diehl, Ohio
1962	Rollin E. Bowler, Portland, Oregon Richard J. Dorer, Minneapolis, Minnesota Ike H. Cory, San Francisco, California F. Stanley Mikelk, Dorchester, Massachusetts	1978	LeRoy Fleming, Iowa
1963	Burton H. Atwood, Illinois Sarah E. Hill, Virginia • Joseph Walsh	1979	Dyas Rawlings, Oregon Arthur Sleasman, Maryland Don Hartman, Pennsylvania George Sullivan, Iowa
1964	Vinton W. Bacon • Beu DeFrece Ernest Maxwell • Herbert Vander Bloemen	1980	G. W. Schmitt, Indiana
1965	F. Lee Keator, New York Burton W. Marston, Wyoming Tom Dustin, Indiana Samuel L. Hayden, Virginia	1981	Rod Munro, Oregon Allen Christopher, New York Arthur Marshall, Florida John and Gloria Rains, Florida
1966	Claude B. and Gladys Harris, Virginia John W. Wilson • W. L. Galhrie Vernon Hagelin, Illinois	1982	William Roulette, Maryland Dr. Roy Overton, Iowa Kenneth D. Malloy, California
1967	John V. Beck, Iowa Crafton W. Banker, Virginia Don Crawford, California Tom E. Dustin, Indiana	1983	John Stevenson • James K. Belknap George Sullivan • Delmer Miller, Nebraska
1968	Alver E. Sik, Virginia	1984	Clifton Rooney, Iowa • Bill Roulette, Maryland Ken Malloy, California Howard Stiehm, Colorado
1969	Dr. Charles Dambach, Ohio Joe Baecher, Virginia	1985	Melvin Sneed, Illinois • Paul Hursh William Sculthorpe • Ed Schekelhoff Mina Landes • Samuel A Carr, California Thomas W. Fisher, Maryland Raymond Mahaffy • Ernest Maxwell
1970	Dr. Alfred Kreft, Oregon Glenn C. Weldon, Virginia Cecil Rhoad, Ohio	1986	Jane H. Dustin, IN George K. Reagles, MN Edward J. Moore, Iowa Ted and Francoise Gianoutsos, Maryland
1971	Robert T. Dennis, Virginia Allen Kelly, Oregon Donald Pannier, California	1987	Harold E. McCoy • Allen Morton Roy C. Kalmerton • Edwin B. Abbott
1972	Alma C. Duke, Virginia William C. Ashley, Jr., Virginia Jody Smith, Illinois William C. Lee, Indiana	1988	Terrance and Elizabeth McCloskey, Indiana Roy Sebald, Wisconsin Nelson Ross, Tennessee Edward Ehlert, Wisconsin Lloyd Kelley, Michigan
1973	Burton Marston, Wyoming Peggy Briney, Arizona Jack Locks, Michigan Arthur Fishback, Indiana	1989	Paul Cyphert, West Virginia Hazel Hendrickson, Iowa Robert Lindholm, Iowa John Garner • Patricia Honeycutt, Oregon Ken Conley, Indiana David Surber, Ohio • Elmer Kaufman, Ohio
1974	Wallace Carrell, North Carolina Harvey Adams, Pennsylvania Elmer Johnson, Illinois	1990	Felix Gajewski • Victor Stueland Phil Tucker • Roy Frank Margaret Mitchell • Lester Krall
1975	Charles S Collins, Oregon John Marlin, Illinois		
1976	A. Claude Ferguson		

1991	Ruth Saari, Minnesota James Sweeney, Indiana Don and Mary Hoepfner, Illinois Donald and Marjorie Tank, Nebraska Sam Carr, California	2003	Andrew Kissner • Richard Hamrick Raymond Zehler • James Piateski Anthony Bridgett • Steve Byers Don Galloway
1992	Arlington - Fairfax Chapter, Virginia Cass Co. Chapter, Minnesota Suffolk - Nansemond Chapter, Virginia Kenneth Conley, Indiana Carl Keeler, Florida	2004	Ronald Kuipers Joel Folman • Steve Horning Bruce and Elinor Evans William and Mary Haire Meo Curtis • Arthur Janovsky Jack Ware
1993	Bob Montgomery, Maryland Ed Lopez, Maryland T. Warren Fisher, Maryland Lee Irwin, Pennsylvania	2005	Peg Briney • Sandy Burk Darrell Ferrell • Leon Lehman Bruce Lemmert
1994	Lawrence Dietz, West Virginia Edmund Boroski Harry Crow, Maryland Dale Braun, Iowa Kenneth Carvell, West Virginia Winfield Drissel, Maryland	2006	Michelle Chesnut • George Coakley Byron Mezick • E. John Trimberger Glenice Rhodas • Bill Legg
1995	Ray Koffler, Pennsylvania Kenneth Conley, Indiana Birtrun Kidwell, Virginia Norman Fluegel, Iowa Dr. Roger Strand, Minnesota Dale and Glenyce Kretchman, Ohio	2007	Dave Bixler • David Jacobson Joseph Logan • John Meister Dr. Roger Sears • Gregg A. Thompson Victor Thompson
1996	Richard Eichelkraut, Illinois Kenneth Jones, South Dakota Norris Weible, Nebraska	2008	Archie Cain • Robert Chapman George Collett • Harold Goeden Gerald Schlekeway
1997	Thomas Warren Fisher Gorman Fry • James Hill Ted Larimer • Gene and Myrtle Shove Lyman Wilkinson • Mike Williams Ted and Kelly Ellis	2009	Thomas L. Kornbau • Byron Mezick Mitchell Norman • Don Thomason
1998	Joseph X. DiNovo • Pete Evick Steve and Celia Palmer Lewis Vavra • Bobby Wright	2010	Jodi L. Arndt • L.W. "Jack" Davis Margaret Schulz • Steven L. Swartz Victor P. Smith • Nels Thompson Clara R. Walters • Victor Weese • Jay Winn
1999	Elaine Kirsch • Dave and Patricia Carr Tim Ames • William deCamp, New Jersey Robert Frazee • Chuck Clayton William Boyd	2011	Lester Abbott • Robert Blosser Meosotis C. Curtis • Thomas R. Holm W. Michael Lane • Timothy R. Russell Larry Snyder
2000	Jim Madsen • Robert Mabie Kevin Flowers • Don Phares Jean Ross • Robert Stegmier	2012	Daniel L. Derkics • Richard Graham Will Haas • Greg Raines Steve D. Roe • Richard Walters
2001	R. Max Peterson • Jeff Hedtke Charles Woosley • Robert Green Marlon Meade	2013	Robert Barnhill • Robert H. Benson Kenneth W. Dufalla • George Estes Donald G. Gardiner • Charles "Ed" Higdon Darden Langston • Frank Ricco Floyd "Danny" Stephenson • Michael J. Sullivan
2002	George Smolka • Gail Weese Homer Tinney • Jeffrey Deschamps McCook Lake Chapter • Tony Dean Arthur Ladehoff • Jesse Taylor Kenneth Northrup • Thomas Hylden Donald Crouse • Bobby Wright	2014	Barry J. Fleming • John Goeman Thomas C. Hughes • Thomas Larson Kenneth W. Lefebvre • Ryck Lydecker Michael Masters, Jr. • Gary R. Meade William Schlaffer, Jr. Dr. William H. Roberts, Jr.
		2015	Donald E. Gates • Douglas J. Harr William Jackson • Byron "Butch" Mezick Rodger J. Moran
		2016	Gary R. Brown • Jeri Crist Keith Halper • Susan Swarner Daniel and Yvonne Hayes Terrie Porwit • Paul Schimke

2017	Niles F. Brown • Herschel Finch William Gross • Paul Kreingold Ellen Crabtree	2022	David Besterman • Dan Dutton Kurt Feldmann • Rod Frost Carrol Henderson • Phillip Mariscal Luann Noll • Bill and Margarete Schmoldt Joe Walther • Tyler Winter • John Wheeler
2018	Rick Cerwick • Russell Ireland Tamatha Patterson • Glenn Sigwalt Steve Swanson	2023	Ilene D. Altman • Raymond F. Besecker Andrew B. Cooke • Donald H. Frame James Shaeffer • Marilyn R. Spencer Craig R. Sterle • Bobby R. Wright
2019	Charles W. Causey • David Minge Cheryl and Mark Matt	2024	Richard N. Corey • Tony DiNovo Richard A. Graham • Jack B. Johnson Ralph Kinch, Jr. • Brintney Lam W. Michael Lane • Michael O'Deay Don Perino The Stalnaker Family - Matt, Jenna and JJ - Tony Sutton • Joe Walther
2020	Arthur V. Belendiuk • Noel R. Gollehon William Iltzschee • Thomas J. Vegella		
2021	Mike Delaney • Dean Farr • Annette Hansen Andrew D. McKay • Neil Mittelberg Carla Morris • Kerry Petersen Bobby W. Schroader • Cherry S. Schwartz Cindy Stevens		

BEST CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION AWARD

A monetary gift and award presented annually to the chapter with the most effective membership recruitment and retention programs during the previous year.

2005	Sunshine Chapter, South Dakota	2015	Brown County Chapter, Wisconsin
2006	None	2016	Spring Lake Chapter, Indiana
2007	Alexandria Chapter, Virginia	2017	None
2008	Loudoun County Chapter, Virginia	2018	Fredericksburg-Rappahannock Chapter, Virginia
2009	Ames Chapter, Iowa	2019	Arlington- Fairfax Chapter, Virginia
2010	Harry Enstrom Chapter, Pennsylvania	2020	None
2011	Fredericksburg-Rappahannock Chapter, Virginia	2021	Linn County Chapter, Iowa
2012	Fredericksburg-Rappahannock Chapter, Virginia	2022	None
2013	Dragoon Trail Chapter, Iowa	2023	Caldwell Chapter, Idaho
2014	Day County Chapter, South Dakota	2024	Minnesota Valley Chapter, Minnesota

THELMA “PETE” REED MEMORIAL AWARD

Recognizes the member who has volunteered in many conservation projects, educational efforts, community service, or chapter leadership development, and is not serving as a national leader of the League, but is considered an “up and coming” future League leader.

1998	Linda McGonegal, Virginia	2012	Kenneth W. Lefebvre, Maryland
1999	None	2013	Kylee West, Maryland
2000	Richard E. Hargis, Ohio	2014	Jeri Crist, Maryland
2001 – 2002	None	2015	Paul Zarowny, Indiana
2003	Jeffrey R. Deschamps, Maryland	2016	David L. Goldberg, Maryland
2004	S. Michelle Chesnut, Maryland	2017	Steven A. Adah, Maryland
2005	Jeff Bower, Iowa	2018	Lisa McIntyre, Iowa
2006	Meosotis C. Curtis, Maryland	2019	None
2007	Donald Thomason, West Virginia	2020	Judy Danish, Maryland
2008	Steven L. Schwartz, Maryland	2021	Hilaria Swisher, West Virginia
2009	James Thomas, California	2022	Joseph Barisonzi, Minnesota
2010	Julie Gilson, Maryland	2023	Andrew C. Wight, Maryland
2011	Wanda Gerard, Virginia	2024	Phillip Mariscal, Maryland

OUTDOOR AMERICA’S FUTURE AWARD

Recognizes the IWLA youth or student member who has volunteered in many conservation projects, educational efforts, community service, or chapter leadership development, and is considered a young “up and coming” future League leader.

2007	Alexandria Tanner, Ohio	2018 – 2019	None
2008	Sydney Hoffman, South Dakota	2020	Gabriel Ballard
2009 – 2010	None	2021	None
2011	Stanley M. Jarosz, III, Indiana	2022	Camille Morton, Minnesota
2012	None	2023	Summer Machnik, Indiana Suryash Rawat, Minnesota
2013	Tyler J.W. George, Virginia	2024	Griffth Pugh, Minnesota
2014	Dakota Halper, Indiana		
2015 – 2016	None		
2017	Donald Luke Hult, North Carolina		

STANFORD M. ADAMS MEMORIAL LEAGUE LEADERSHIP AWARD

This IWLA Executive Board’s award recognizes the national director, director-at-large, or regional governor judged to have shown a continued commitment to the duties and responsibilities that come with their elected leadership position.

2009	Dean Knight, Iowa	2020	Jim Madsen, South Dakota
2010	Dr. Charles I. Wiles, Jr., Maryland	2021	None
2011	John R. Dickel, New Mexico	2022	Jim Storer, Ohio
2012	Wes Sheets, Nebraska	2023	Jeffrey R. Deschamps, Maryland
2013	Garrit S. Struck, Illinois	2024	Kelly J. Kistner, South Dakota
2014	Raymond C. Zehler, Ohio		
2015	Harry Kidder, Virginia		
2016	Charles “Chuck” Clayton, South Dakota		
2017	Earnest W. Padgett, Virginia		
2018	Leslie G. Monostory, New York		
2019	None		

JAMES LAWTON CHILDS MEMORIAL AWARD

A monetary gift and award presented annually to two chapters (fewer than 500 and greater than 500 members – effective 2012) deemed most outstanding in conservation activity achievements.

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1930	Minneapolis, Minnesota	1984	Eugene, Oregon
1931	Casper, Wyoming	1985	Eugene, Oregon
1932	Laramie, Wyoming	1986	Eugene, Oregon
1933	Laramie, Wyoming	1987	Homewood Memorial, Illinois
1934	Argos, Indiana	1988	None
1935	Knoxville, Tennessee	1989	Manatee-Sarasota, Florida
1936	Las Animas County, Colorado	1990	W. J. McCabe, Minnesota
1937	Argos, Indiana	1991	Northern Kentucky, Kentucky
1938	Utica, New York	1992	Agassiz, Minnesota
1939	Akron, Ohio	1993	York #67, Pennsylvania
1940	Fort Wayne, Indiana	1994	Kampeska, South Dakota
1941	St. John, North Dakota	1995	Greater Ozarks, Missouri
1942	St. John, North Dakota	1996	Harford County, Maryland
1943	St. John, North Dakota	1997	Cincinnati, Ohio
1944	Des Moines, Iowa	1998	Rockville, Maryland
1945	Fort Wayne, Indiana	1999	Agassiz, Minnesota
1946	Mile High, Colorado	2000	Rockville, Maryland
1947	Emerson Hough, Iowa	2001	Mountaineer, West Virginia
1948	Fond du Lac, Wisconsin	2002	Eugene, Oregon
1949	Sanborn, Oklahoma	2003	Silverton, Oregon
1950	Grand Valley, Colorado	2004	Rockville, Maryland
1951	Sanborn, Oklahoma	2005	Wildlife Achievement, Maryland
1952	Lynchburg, Virginia	2006	None
1953	Portland, Oregon	2007	Zip Little, West Virginia
1954	Sanborn, Oklahoma	2008	Wildlife Achievement, Maryland
1955	Portland, Oregon	2009	Mountaineer, West Virginia
1956	Front Range, Colorado	2010	Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Maryland
1957	Davenport, Iowa	2011	West Central, Iowa
1958	Rochester, Minnesota	2012	Kampeska, South Dakota (<500)
1959	Rochester, Minnesota	2013	Hamilton, Ohio (<500)
1960	Harford County, Maryland	2014	Porter County, Indiana (<500)
1961	Dwight Lydell, Michigan	2015	White Oak River, North Carolina (<500)
1962 – 1965	None		Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Maryland (>500)
1966	Miller, Indiana	2016	Porter County, Indiana (<500)
1967	None		Rockville, Maryland (>500)
1968	Howard County, Indiana	2017	None
1969	None	2018	Porter County, Indiana (<500)
1970	Howard County, Indiana		Loudoun County, Virginia (>500)
1971	None	2019	Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Maryland (>500)
1972	Cape May County, New Jersey	2020	Porter County, Indiana (<500)
1973	Wabash, Indiana		Loudoun County, Virginia (>500)
1974	Howard County, Indiana	2021	Rockville, Maryland (>500)
1975	None	2022	Porter County, Indiana (<500)
1976	Fredericksburg-Rappahannock, Virginia		Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Maryland (>500)
1977	Redwood Empire, California	2023	Minnesota Valley Chapter, Minnesota (<500)
1978	None		Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Maryland (>500)
1979	McCook Lake, South Dakota	2024	Minnesota Valley Chapter, Minnesota (<500)
1980	Woodbury County, Iowa		Dragoon Trail Chapter, Iowa (>500)
1981	None		
1982 – 1983	Marshall County, Iowa		

SHOOTING SPORTS AWARD

Recognizes individuals, organizations, members, or chapters judged to have done outstanding work to promote the shooting sports during the previous year.

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| 2016 | Arnie Gutenkauf, Rob Loe and Dana Edwards
Co-Chairs Chapter Shooting Sports
(Sunshine Chapter, South Dakota)
Virginia Thrasher – 2016 U.S. Olympic Team
Dave Wagner (Tiffin-Seneca County Chapter,
Ohio) | 2022 | Harrisburg Tiger Trap Shooting Club –
Harrisburg, South Dakota
Shooting Sports Program
(Rockville Chapter, Maryland)
Norb Ruhland
(McCook Lake Chapter, South Dakota) |
| 2017 | Jay Butler (Fort Wayne Chapter, Indiana)
Dick Mavis and David Tunink
Chapter Shooting Sports Coordinators
(Lincoln Chapter, Nebraska)
Howard Thompson
(York Chapter #67, Pennsylvania) | 2023 | Apollo Archery Program
(Bethesda-Chevy-Chase Chapter, Maryland)
Robert G. Brino
(Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Virginia)
Richard A. Deviers
(Rockingham-Harrisonburg Chapter, Virginia)
Mountaineer Chapter, West Virginia
Rick Stell
(Huntington County Chapter, Indiana)
Sandy L. Taylor
(Oil City Chapter, Pennsylvania) |
| 2018 | Stan Bonjour
(Southwest Wisconsin Chapter, Wisconsin)
Steve Knight (Oil City Chapter, Pennsylvania)
Charlie Mundy – Grand View University
Shooting Sports Team, Iowa | 2024 | Benny Sams, John Septer and Steve Williams
Co-Chairs Chapter Shooting Sports
(Huntington County Chapter, Indiana)
Brett Johnson (Rockville Chapter, MD)
Loudoun County Chapter, Virginia
Brandon Jordon and Mark Uzarowski
Co-Chairs Scholastic Youth Trap Program
(Mount Airy Chapter, Maryland)
Tom Swartz (Medina Chapter, Ohio)
Val Voeltz (Sioux Falls Chapter, South Dakota) |
| 2019 | Charita Niedermeyer
(Fort Wayne Chapter, Indiana)
Michael Scholz (Crete Chapter, Nebraska)
Chester Wise
(York Chapter #67, Pennsylvania) | | |
| 2020 | Richard C. Deibert
(York Chapter #67, Pennsylvania)
Kenneth C. Mincks
(B.F. Carroll Chapter, Iowa)
Shooting Sports Program
(Bethesda-Chevy-Chase Chapter, Maryland) | | |
| 2021 | Stan Bonjour
(Southwest Wisconsin Chapter, Wisconsin)
Ed MacBride (Alexandria Chapter, Virginia) | | |

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