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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)
1923-27 Chicago, Illinois
1928 Omaha, Nebraska
1929-40 Chicago, Illinois
1941 Washington, DC
1942-44 Chicago, Illinois
1945 None
(Due to World War II)
1946-48 Chicago, Illinois
1949 Denver, Colorado
1950 Des Moines, Iowa
1951 Cincinnati, Ohio
1952 Tulsa, Oklahoma
1953 Grand Rapids, Michigan
1954-55 Chicago, Illinois
1956 Sioux City, South Dakota
1957 Washington, DC
1958 Colorado Springs, Colorado
1959 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
1960 Minneapolis, Minnesota
1961 Chicago, Illinois
1962 Portland, Oregon
1963 Cincinnati, Ohio
1964 Davenport, Iowa
1965 Cody, Wyoming
1966 Boston, Massachusetts
1967 Milwaukee, Wisconsin
1968 Denver, Colorado
1969 Cincinnati, Ohio
1970 Norfolk, Virginia
1971 Anaheim, California
1972 Chicago, Illinois
1973 Duluth, Minnesota
1974 Huntington, West Virginia
1975 Des Moines, Iowa
1976 Baltimore, Maryland
1977 Atlanta, Georgia
1978 French Lick, Indiana
1979 Anaheim, California
1980 Chicago, Illinois
1981 Syracuse, New York
1982 Rapid City, South Dakota
1983 Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
1984 Des Moines, Iowa
1985 Colorado Springs, Colorado
1986 French Lick, Indiana
1987 St. Paul, Minnesota
1988 Green Bay, Wisconsin
1989 Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
1990 Syracuse, New York
1991 Rapid City, South Dakota
1992 Fort Mitchell, Kentucky
1993 Davenport, Iowa
1994 Rockville, Maryland
1995 Grand Rapids, Michigan
1996 Merrillville, Indiana
1997 Peoria, Illinois
1998 Buena Park, California
1999 Williamsburg, Virginia
2000 Des Moines, Iowa
2001 Fort Mitchel, Kentucky
2002 Rochester, Minnesota
2003 Pierre, South Dakota
2004 Buena Park, California
2005 Dubuque, Iowa
2006 Springfield, Missouri
2007 Big Sky, Montana
2008 Merrillville, Indiana
2009 Sioux Falls, South Dakota
2010 Grantville, Pennsylvania
2011 Des Moines, Iowa
2012 Lincoln, Nebraska
2013 Fredericksburg, Virginia
2014 Anaheim, California
2015 Pierre, South Dakota
2016 Stevens Point, Wisconsin
2017 Sandusky, Ohio
2018 Fredericksburg, Virginia
2019 Des Moines, Iowa
2020 None – 2021 Virtual
(Due to COVID-19 Pandemic)
2022 East Peoria, Illinois
IWLA 100th Anniversary
2023 Lincoln, Nebraska
2024 Cambridge, Maryland
2025 Green Bay, Wisconsin
2026 Bloomington, Minnesota

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

1950 Natural Resources Task Force of the Hoover Commission

1951 Dr. Hugh Hammond Bennett

1952 Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District of Ohio

1953 None

1954 Dr. Ira N. Gabrielson

1955 Resources for the Future Inc

1956 Arthur H. Carhart

1957 Clifford R. Hope

1958 Dr. E. R. Kalmbach

1959 Seth Gordon

1960 Maytag Company

1961 None

1962 Lawrence S. Rockefeller

1963 Rachel Carson

1964 Hon. Stewart L. Udall

1965 Congressman Wayne N. Aspinall

1966 Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson

1967 Hon. Paul H. Douglas

1968 Vinton W. Bacon

1969 Sigurd F. Olson

1970 Congressman John P. Saylor

1971 Raymond A. Hails

1972 Joseph W. Penfold

1973 Frank B. Hubachek

1974 Thomas E. Dustin

1975 Malcolm King

1976 –1978 None

1979 M. L. Bud Heinselman & Donald Fraser

1980 Earl Sandvig

1981 Senator John C. Culver

1982 – 1983 None

1984 David & Judy Siddon

1985 Frank Bellrose

1986 None

1987 Willard M. Munger

1988 – 1989 None

1989 Jane Dustin

1990 None

1991 David Zentner

1992 Judge Howard White

1993 None

1994 Jack Lorenz

1995 None

1996 Charles & Leila Wiles

1997 Paul Toren

1998 - 1999 None

2000 Donald Ferris

2001 Dr. Roy Overton

2002 Stanford M. Adams

2003 Monty Montgomery

2004 None

2005 Wendell P. Haley

2006 James R. Haring

2007 Paul W. Hansen

2008 Chuck & Gail Woosley

2009 Timothy W. Reid & Mike Williams

2010 Raymond C. Zehler

2011 Dale Brentnall

2012 Lloyd E. Miller

2013 Charles "Chuck" Clayton

2014 Herbert P. & Charlotte J. Read

2015 Jim A. Madsen

2016 Robert I. Stegmier

2017 – 2020 None

2021 Miles Greenbaum

2022 Wes Sheets

2023 Paul W. Lepisto

2024 Jodi Labs

2025 Dale M. Braun & Leslie G. Monostory

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

1960 Dr. Preston Bradley • Dr. John W. Scott
Kenneth A. Reid • Ivar Hennings
J. N. Ding Darling • Cliff Hallowell

1961 Gene Stratton Porter • Grace Beach
Aldo Leopold

1962 Joseph Penfold • William L. Finley

1963 Sigurd F. Olson • Emerson Hough

1964 Anne Shoemaker • Thomas Ambrose
Louis Radke

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

1966 Dr. Harry Baldwin Ward • L.H. Dunten
Herbert Hoover • Judge Grover Ladner
Joe Karmann • Judge George W. Wood

1967 Wilma La Budde • Merle J. Brown
Ed Rhinehart

1968 Burton H. Atwood • Paul Clement
Arthur "Pops" Senior • Herb Kelly

1969 None

1970 Reynolds Harnsberger

1971 Oscar A. Becker

1972 G. M. Van Hoesen

1973 Vernon D. Hagelin • Edna H. Hill
Dr. William Holton

1974 Judge John Tobin

1975 David B. Charlton, PhD.
Alden J. Erskine • Burt Marston

1976 Howard White

1977 Elton Fawks

1978 Malcolm E. King • Leo G. Windish
Frank B. Hubachek

1979 Richard Kuck

1980 James Potter • Ollie Diller

1981 Sam McDowell

1982 Harvey Adams • Reis Tuttle
Raymond W. Radcliff

1983 C. B. Harris

1984 Allan L. Kelly • W. Wes Libbey
J. Clanton Armstrong
Elwyn Nash • Herbert P. Read
G. A. "Jerry" Ellis

1985 Helen V. Stammen

1986 Delmer Miller • Franklin Adams
Thomas W. Fisher

1987 Dyas Rawlings • William H. Wertz
Stanley H. Myers • Wendell P. Haley
Dr. Charles I. Wiles, Jr.

1988 Mary Fuchs • Dr. Robert Hire
Roy Crockett • J. Wistar Stowe
Charlie Crawford • Grace Crawford

1989 Paul Toren • Paul Cyphert

1991 Jack Lorenz • Fred Cooper
Bill Hornecker • Jim Westphal
Thelma "Pete" Reed

1992 Bob Russell • Dale Brentnall
Keith Taylor

1993 Dr. Larry Smith • Harry Enstrom

1994 Rosemary Wilson • Kenneth Borden
Gladys Borden • Kenneth Shultz
Robert Lowe

1995 Samuel A. Carr, Jr. • Melvin Breakiron
Francis "Curly" Satterlee

1996 Marie Crowley

1997 Howard Anderson • Ephe M. Oliver
Anna Jo Schekelhoff • Ray Zehler

1998 Dale Kretchman

1999 Jerome Beuchert • Gorman Fry
Don Wolland • Leslie King

2000 Jane Dustin • Charlotte Read
William Shaffer

2001 Timothy W. Reid • Dean Knight
Monty Montgomery
Walter and Ruth Lynn

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 Breitinger • 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

2025 Dr. William B. Gordon •
Dorothy M. Harrington •
Patrice A .Kistner •
Michael D. Masters, Jr. • Luann D. Noll

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
1980 Creekside Chapter, Minnesota
1981 Berks County Chapter, Pennsylvania
1982 Greater Seattle Chapter, Washington
1984 - 1986 None
1987 Bill Keiffer Lakeway and
Mossy Creek Chapters, Tennessee
1988 Elgin Chapter, Illinois
1991 Greater Seattle Chapter, Washington
1992 Griffith Chapter, Indiana
1993 York Chapter #67, Pennsylvania
1994 None
1995 Linn County Chapter, Iowa
1996 York Chapter #67, Pennsylvania
1997 Westwood Village Chapter, California
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
2011 Diana Chapter, Indiana
Indiana Dunes State Park, Indiana
Muddy Branch Alliance, Maryland
2012 Ken Schroll • Mike Delaney
Harry Enstrom Chapter, Pennsylvania
2013 Brownsville Area Chapter, Pennsylvania
Girl Scout Troop #536, Virginia

Fredericksburg-Rappahannock Chapter, Virginia
2014 Central New York Chapter, New York
Harry Kidder • Sandra Royce
2015 Monongalia County Chapter, West Virginia
Northwest Indiana Paddling Association, Indiana • Bonnie Swarner
2016 Timothy Doxey • Griffith Chapter, Indiana
2017 Central New York Chapter, New York
Dr. William H. Roberts, Jr. • Jim McCord
2018 Jeff Clow • R. John Dawes
Leslie G. Monostory
2019 Mike Fuge
Pond and Stream Committee (Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter, Maryland)
2020 Jay Butler • Susan Swarner
Save Our Streams Team (Lois Green-Sligo Chapter, Maryland)
2021 Susan Heathcote • Philip Langner
Tom Lenhart
2022 Grace Kann • Colleen Miltenberger
Edgar "Butch" Morris
2023 Daniel J. Dutton • Phillip Mariscal
Friends of the Minnesota Valley, Minnesota
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)
2025 Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter, Maryland

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
2007 Cincinnati Chapter, Ohio and South Dakota Division
2008 York Chapter #67, Pennsylvania
2009 Frederick #1 Chapter, Maryland
2010 Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter, Maryland
2011 Wildlife Achievement Chapter, Maryland
2012 Harry Enstrom Chapter, Pennsylvania
2013 Frederick #1 Chapter, Maryland
2014 Rockville Chapter, Maryland and Virginia Division
2015 Suffolk-Nansemond Chapter, Virginia
2016 Tiffin-Seneca County Chapter, Ohio and Ohio Division
2017 Fredericksburg-Rappahannock Chapter, Virginia
2018 Suffolk-Nansemond Chapter, Virginia
2019 Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Virginia
2020 Loudoun County Chapter, Virginia
2021 Winchester Chapter, Virginia and Illinois Division
2022 Sioux Falls Chapter, South Dakota
2023 Rockville Chapter, Maryland
2024 Marshall County Chapter, Iowa and Iowa Division
2025 Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter, Maryland

JOHN C. GREGORY MEMORIAL AWARD

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

1956 New York
1957 Indiana
1958 Virginia
1959 Oklahoma
1960 Virginia
1961 Virginia
1962 Nebraska
1963 Oregon
1964 Illinois
1965 Iowa
1966 Maryland
1967 Virginia
1968 Virginia
1970 None
1971 Minnesota
1972 Virginia
1973 Iowa
1974 Iowa
1975 Colorado
1976 Pennsylvania
1977 Iowa
1978 Virginia
1981 Iowa
1982 Nebraska
1983 Indiana
1984 Pennsylvania
1985 Iowa
1986 Ohio
1987 Illinois
1988 Virginia
1989 Ohio
1990 Virginia
1991 Indiana
1992 Virginia
1993 Maryland
1994 Virginia
1995 West Virginia
1996 Virginia
1997 Virginia
1998 Virginia
1999 Indiana
2000 Maryland
2001 Ohio
2002 Virginia
2002 Virginia
2003 Colorado
2004 Iowa
2005 Colorado
2006 South Dakota
2007 South Dakota
2008 Indiana
2009 Virginia
2010 Colorado
2011 Iowa
2012 - 2013 Virginia
2014 - 2015 Wisconsin
2016 Indiana
2017 Ohio
2018 Oregon
2019 Colorado
2020 Indiana
2021 Iowa
2022 Virginia
2023 Iowa
2024 Indiana
2025 Minnesota

BEST DIVISION NEWSLETTER

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

1979 Indiana – *Hoosier Waltonian*
1980 Virginia – *Conservation Record*
1981 Maryland – *Maryland Waltonian*
1982 Maryland – *Maryland Waltonian*
1983 Maryland Division – *Maryland Waltonian*
1984 Maryland Division – *Maryland Waltonian*
1985 Maryland Division – *Maryland Waltonian*
1986 Indiana Division – *Hoosier Waltonian*
1987 Maryland Division – *Maryland Waltonian*
1988 Minnesota – *Minnesota Waltonian*
1989 Illinois Division – *Illini Ike*
1990 Maryland Division – *Maryland Waltonian*
1991 Maryland Division – *Maryland Waltonian*
1992 Virginia Division – *Conservation Record*
1993 Maryland Division – *Maryland Waltonian*
1994 Maryland Division – *Maryland Waltonian*
1995 Maryland Division – *Maryland Waltonian*
1996 Maryland Division – *Maryland Waltonian*
1997 Minnesota Division – *Minnesota Waltonian*
1998 Oregon Division – *Oregon Ike*
1999 Virginia Division – *Conservation Record*
2000 Oregon Division – *Oregon Ike*
Ohio Division – *Buckeye Ike Line*
2001 None
2002 Michigan – *Michigan Division News*
2003 Oregon – *Oregon Ike*
2004 None
2005 Maryland – *Maryland Waltonian*
2006 Indiana – *Hoosier Waltonian*
2007 None
2008 Maryland – *Maryland Waltonian*
2009 - 2010 None
2011 Maryland – *Maryland Waltonian*
2012 - 2013 None
2014 Maryland – *Maryland Waltonian*
2015 - 2016 None
2017 Indiana – *Hoosier Waltonian*
2018 - 2021 None
2022 Maryland – *Maryland Waltonian*
2023 - 2024 None
2025 Maryland – *Maryland Waltonian*

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
1962 Sportsman's Chapter, Maryland
1963 Lady Waltonians Chapter, Illinois
1964 Fairmont Chapter, Illinois
1965 Fort Wayne Chapter, Indiana
1966 Northwestern Chapter, Ohio
1967 None
1968 Fredericksburg-Rappahannock Chapter, Virginia
1969 None
1970 Ding Darling Chapter, Iowa
1971– 72 None
1973 Fenton Chapter, Michigan
1974 Woodford County Chapter, Illinois
1975 Arlington-Fairfax Chapter, Virginia
1976 Sportsman's Chapter, Maryland
1977 Howard County Chapter, Indiana
1978 Glen Park Chapter, Indiana
1979 United Counties Chapter, Iowa
1980 None
1981 None
1982 Des Plaines Chapter, Illinois
1983 Dwight Lydell Chapter, Michigan
1984 Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter, Maryland
1985 Marshall County Chapter, Iowa
1986 Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter, Maryland
1987 Hamilton Chapter, Ohio
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
1999 Rockville Chapter, Maryland
2000 Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter, Maryland
2001 Loudoun County Chapter, Virginia
2002 Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter, Maryland
2003 York Chapter #67, Pennsylvania
2004 Rockville Chapter, Maryland
2005 Rockville Chapter, Maryland
2006 Izaak Walton Cottage Chapter, England
2007 Clinton County Chapter, Iowa
2008 York Chapter #67, Pennsylvania
2009 Mountaineer Chapter, West Virginia
2010 Brown County Chapter, Wisconsin
2011 West Central Chapter, Iowa
2012 Hamilton, Ohio (<500)
Rockville, Maryland (>500)
2013 Oil City Chapter, Pennsylvania (<500)
Dragoon Trail Chapter, Iowa (>500)
2014 Porter County Chapter, Indiana (<500)
Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter, Maryland (>500)
2015 Brown County Chapter, Wisconsin (<500)
Rockville Chapter, Maryland (>500)
2016 Porter County Chapter, Indiana (<500)
Rockville Chapter, Maryland (>500)
2017 Central New York Chapter, New York (<500)
Loudoun County Chapter, Virginia (>500)
2018 Porter County Chapter, Indiana (<500)
Rockville Chapter, Maryland (>500)
2019 Loudoun County Chapter, Virginia (>500)
2020 Rockville Chapter, Maryland (>500)
2021 Winchester Chapter, Virginia (>500)
2022 Minnesota Valley Chapter, Minnesota (<500)
Rockville Chapter, Maryland (>500)
2023 Porter County Chapter, Indiana (<500)
Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter, Maryland (>500)
2024 Brown County Chapter, Wisconsin (<500)
Rockville Chapter, Maryland (>500)
2025 Emerson Hough Chapter, Iowa &
Fairfield Chapter ,Ohio (<500)
Rockville Chapter, Maryland (>500)

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)
2025 Mount Airy Chapter, Maryland (<500)
Loudoun County Chapter (>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.

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

2025 Campaign To Save The Boundary Waters, Minnesota
Carman & Sally Fernholtz, Minnesota
Minnesota Coalition of Residential Environmental Learning Centers:
Deep Portage Learning Center • Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center • Osprey Wilds Environmental Learning Center • Lone Lake Conservation Center • Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center • Laurentian Environmental Center
Nancy Schuldt, Minnesota
Seneca Valley Trout Unlimited, Maryland
Three Rivers Parks District, Minnesota
James Wisker, Minnesota

THE ARTHUR R. THOMPSON AWARD

Recognizes a division for outstanding conservation activities.

1960 Virginia Division
1961 - 1962 Oregon Division
1963 Indiana Division
1964 - 1967 Virginia Division
1968 Illinois Division
1969 - 1970 Wisconsin Division
1971 Virginia Division
1972 Maryland Division
1973 Illinois Division
1974 – 1981 None
1982 None
1983 Maryland Division
1984 None
1985 Indiana Division
1986 Indiana Division
1987 None
1988 None
1989 Oregon Division
1990 None
1991 Ohio Division
1992 Virginia Division
1993 None
1994 West Virginia Division
1995 None
1996 Minnesota Division
1997 None
1998 Indiana Division
1999 None
2000 West Virginia Division
2001 – 2017 None
2018 West Virginia Division
2019 — 2021 None
2022 Minnesota Division
2023 West Virginia
2024 Ohio Division
2025 None

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
1999 — 2000 None
2001 R. Lee Irwin
2002 West Woods Committee,
Bethesda Chevy Chase Chapter, Maryland
2003 Randolph Royen
2004 Bethesda Chevy Chase Chapter, Maryland
2005 David Anderson
2006 Scott Tanner, Ohio
2007 Ben Kelkye, Maryland
Rockville Chapter, Maryland
Woodmont Chapter, Maryland
2008 John Lamb, Maryland
Loudoun County Chapter, Virginia
2009 None
2010 Paul Schimke
2011 Christopher Bonatti, Maryland
Timothy Ferguson, Indiana
Charles Garland, Iowa
2012 None
2013 Woodie Walker, II
2014 — 2015 None
2016 Meosotis C. Curtis, Maryland
2017 Daniel C. Davis, Virginia
Mark Gochnour, Maryland
Scott W. Harmon, Maryland
2018 Tiffin-Seneca County Chapter, Ohio
2019 Paul and Elaine Anderson, Indiana
2020 Mark A. LaBarbera, Wisconsin
2021 Gerald Crowell, Virginia
Bob Quinn, Iowa
2022 None
2023 Larry W. Anderson, Maryland
Curt R. Howard, Maryland
2024 Women Sharing The Outdoors Program
(Mount Healthy Chapter, Ohio)
2025 Wendy S. Reigel, Indiana

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

1961 Benjamin Pitts, Fredericksburg, Virginia
H. Howard Oak Marshalltown, Iowa

1962 Rollin E. Bowler, Portland, Oregon
Richard J. Dorer, Minneapolis, Minnesota
Ike H. Cory, San Francisco, California
F. Stanley Mikelk, Dorchester, Massachusetts

1963 Burton H. Atwood, Illinois
Sarah E. Hill, Virginia • Joseph Walsh

1964 Vinton W. Bacon • Beu DeFrece
Ernest Maxwell • Herbert Vander Bloemen

1965 F. Lee Keator, New York
Burton W. Marston, Wyoming
Tom Dustin, Indiana
Samuel L. Hayden, Virginia

1966 Claude B. and Gladys Harris, Virginia
John W. Wilson • W. L. Galhrie
Vernon Hagelin, Illinois

1967 John V. Beck, Iowa
Crafton W. Banker, Virginia
Don Crawford, California
Tom E. Dustin, Indiana

1968 Alver E. Sik, Virginia

1969 Dr. Charles Damback, Ohio
Joe Baecher, Virginia

1970 Dr. Alfred Kreft, Oregon
Glenn C. Weldon, Virginia
Cecil Rhoad, Ohio

1971 Robert T. Dennis, Virginia
Allen Kelly, Oregon
Donald Pannier, California

1972 Alma C. Duke, Virginia
William C. Ashley, Jr., Virginia
Jody Smith, Illinois
William C. Lee, Indiana

1973 Burton Marston, Wyoming
Peggy Briney, Arizonia
Jack Locks, Michigan
Arthur Fishback, Indiana

1974 Wallace Carrell, North Carolina
Harvey Adams, Pennsylvania
Elmer Johnson, Illinois

1975 Charles S Collins, Oregon
John Marlin, Illinois

1976 A. Claude Ferguson
Arlene Olson • Betty North, Minnesota

1977 James Potter, Oregon
Wes Libbey, Minnesota • Carl Rahe, Ohio
Claude and Nadine McDowell, Arkansas
Bruce Diehl, Ohio

1978 LeRoy Fleming, Iowa

1979 Dyas Rawlings, Oregon
Arthur Sleasman, Maryland
Don Hartman, Pennsylvania
George Sullivan, Iowa

1980 G. W. Schmitt, Indiana

1981 Rod Munro, Oregon
Allen Christopher, New York
Arthur Marshall, Florida
John and Gloria Rains, Florida

1982 William Roulette, Maryland
Dr. Roy Overton, Iowa
Kenneth D. Malloy, California

1983 John Stevenson • James K. Belknap
George Sullivan • Delmer Miller, Nebraska

1984 Clifton Rooney, Iowa • Bill Roulette, Maryland
Ken Malloy, California
Howard Stiehm, Colorado

1985 Melvin Sneed, Illinois • Paul Hursh
William Sculthorpe • Ed Schekelhoff
Mina Landes • Samuel A Carr, California
Thomas W. Fisher, Maryland
Raymond Mahaffy • Ernest Maxwell

1986 Jane H. Dustin, Indiana
George K. Reagles, Minnesota
Edward J. Moore, Iowa
Ted and Francoise Gianoutsos, Maryland

1987 Harold E. McCoy • Allen Morton
Roy C. Kalmerton • Edwin B. Abbott

1988 Terrance and Elizabeth McCloskey, Indiana
Roy Sebald, Wisconsin
Nelson Ross, Tennessee
Edward Ehlert, Wiscosin
Lloyd Kelley, Michigan

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

1990 Felix Gajewski • Victor Stueland
Phil Tucker • Roy Frank
Margaret Mitchell • Lester Krall

1991 Ruth Saari, Minnesota
James Sweeney, Indiana
Don and Mary Hoepfner, Illinois
Donald and Marjorie Tank, Nebraska
Sam Carr, California

1992 Arlington - Fairfax Chapter, Virginia
Cass Co. Chapter, Minnesota
Suffolk - Nansemond Chapter, Virginia
Kenneth Conley, Indiana
Carl Keeler, Florida

1993 Bob Montgomery, Maryland
Ed Lopez, Maryland
T. Warren Fisher, Maryland
Lee Irwin, Pennsylvania

1994 Lawrence Dietz, West Virginia
Edmund Boroski
Harry Crow, Maryland
Dale Braun, Iowa
Kenneth Carvell, West Virginia
Winfield Drissel, Maryland

1995 Ray Koffler, Pennsylvania
Kenneth Conley, Indiana
Birtrun Kidwell, Virginia
Norman Fluegel, Iowa
Dr. Roger Strand, Minnesota
Dale and Glennyce Kretchman, Ohio

1996 Richard Eichelkraut, Illinois
Kenneth Jones, South Dakota
Norris Weible, Nebraska

1997 Thomas Warren Fisher
Gorman Fry • James Hill
Ted Larimer • Gene and Myrtle Shove
Lyman Wilkinson • Mike Williams
Ted and Kelly Ellis

1998 Joseph X. DiNovo • Pete Evick
Steve and Celia Palmer
Lewis Vavra • Bobby Wright

1999 Elaine Kirsch • Dave and Patricia Carr
Tim Ames • William deCamp, New Jersey
Robert Frazee • Chuck Clayton
William Boyd

2000 Jim Madsen • Robert Mabie
Kevin Flowers • Don Phares
Jean Ross • Robert Stegmier

2001 R. Max Peterson • Jeff Hedtke
Charles Woosley • Robert Green
Marlon Meade

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

2003 Andrew Kissner • Richard Hamrick
Raymond Zehler • James Piateski
Anthony Bridgett • Steve Byers
Don Galloway

2004 Ronald Kuipers
Joel Folman • Steve Horning
Bruce and Elinor Evans
William and Mary Haire
Meo Curtis • Arthur Janovsky
Jack Ware

2005 Peg Briney • Sandy Burk
Darrell Ferrell • Leon Lehman
Bruce Lemmert

2006 Michelle Chesnut • George Coakley
Byron Mezick • E. John Trimberger
Glenice Rhodas • Bill Legg

2007 Dave Bixler • David Jacobson
Joseph Logan • John Meister
Dr. Roger Sears • Gregg A. Thompson
Victor Thompson

2008 Archie Cain • Robert Chapman
George Collett • Harold Goeden
Gerald Schlekeway

2009 Thomas L. Kornbau • Byron Mezick
Mitchell Norman • Don Thomason

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

2011 Lester Abbott • Robert Blosser
Meosotis C. Curtis • Thomas R. Holm
W. Michael Lane • Timothy R. Russell
Larry Snyder

2012 Daniel L. Derkics • Richard Graham
Will Haas • Greg Raines
Steve D. Roe • Richard Walters

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

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

2018 Rick Cerwick • Russell Ireland
Tamatha Patterson • Glenn Sigwalt
Steve Swanson

2019 Charles W. Causey • David Minge
Cheryl and Mark Matt

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

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

2023 Ilene D. Altman • Raymond F. Besecker
Andrew B. Cooke • Donald H. Frame
James Shaeffer • Marilyn R. Spencer
Craig R. Sterle • Bobby R. Wright

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

2025 Jamie Buteyn • Barbara R. Hanson •
Matthew J. Norton • Robert P. Pitner

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
2006 None
2007 Alexandria Chapter, Virginia
2008 Loudoun County Chapter, Virginia
2009 Ames Chapter, Iowa
2010 Harry Enstrom Chapter, Pennsylvania
2011 Fredericksburg-Rappahannock Chapter, Virginia
2012 Fredericksburg-Rappahannock Chapter, Virginia
2013 Dragoon Trail Chapter, Iowa
2014 Day County Chapter, South Dakota
2015 Brown County Chapter, Wisconsin
2016 Spring Lake Chapter, Indiana
2017 None
2018 Fredericksburg-Rappahannock Chapter, Virginia
2019 Arlington- Fairfax Chapter, Virginia
2020 None
2021 Linn County Chapter, Iowa
2022 None
2023 Caldwell Chapter, Idaho
2024 Minnesota Valley Chapter, Minnesota
2025 Mount Airy Chapter, Maryland

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
1999 None
2000 Richard E. Hargis, Ohio
2001 – 2002 None
2003 Jeffrey R. Deschamps, Maryland
2004 S. Michelle Chesnut, Maryland
2005 Jeff Bower, Iowa
2006 Meosotis C. Curtis, Maryland
2007 Donald Thomason, West Virginia
2008 Steven L. Scwartz, Maryland
2009 James Thomas, California
2010 Julie Gilson, Maryland
2011 Wanda Gerard, Virginia
2012 Kenneth W. Lefebvre, Maryland
2013 Kylee West, Maryland
2014 Jeri Crist, Maryland
2015 Paul Zarowny, Indiana
2016 David L. Goldberg, Maryland
2017 Steven A. Adah, Maryland
2018 Lisa McIntyre, Iowa
2019 None
2020 Judy Danish, Maryland
2021 Hilaria Swisher, West Virginia
2022 Joseph Barisonzi, Minnesota
2023 Andrew C. Wight, Maryland
2024 Phillip Mariscal, Maryland
2025 Griffith Pugh, Minnesota

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
2008 Sydney Hoffman, South Dakota
2009 – 2010 None
2011 Stanley M. Jarosz, III, Indiana
2012 None
2013 Tyler J.W. George, Virginia
2014 Dakota Halper, Indiana
2015 – 2016 None
2017 Donald Luke Hult, North Carolina
2018 – 2019 None
2020 Gabriel Ballard
2021 None
2022 Camille Morton, Minnesota
2023 Summer Machnik, Indiana & Suryash Rawat, Minnesota
2024 Griffth Pugh, Minnesota
2025 Hannah Barisonzi, Minnesota & Jayden Haywood, Ohio

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
2010 Dr. Charles I. Wiles, Jr., Maryland
2011 John R. Dickel, New Mexico
2012 Wes Sheets, Nebraska
2013 Garrit S. Struck, Illinois
2014 Raymond C. Zehler, Ohio
2015 Harry Kidder, Virginia
2016 Charles "Chuck" Clayton, South Dakota
2017 Earnest W. Padgette, Virginia
2018 Leslie G. Monostory, New York
2019 None
2020 Jim Madsen, South Dakota
2021 None
2022 Jim Storer, Ohio
2023 Jeffrey R. Deschamps, Maryland
2024 Kelly J. Kistner, South Dakota
2025 Jodi Labs, Wisconsin

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. Sponsored by the IWLA Endowment.

1930 Minneapolis, Minnesota
1931 Casper, Wyoming
1932 Laramie, Wyoming
1933 Laramie, Wyoming
1934 Argos, Indiana
1935 Knoxville, Tennessee
1936 Las Animas County, Colorado
1937 Argos, Indiana
1938 Utica, New York
1939 Akron, Ohio
1940 Fort Wayne, Indiana
1941 St. John, North Dakota
1942 St. John, North Dakota
1943 St. John, North Dakota
1944 Des Moines, Iowa
1945 Fort Wayne, Indiana
1946 Mile High, Colorado
1947 Emerson Hough, Iowa
1948 Fond du Lac, Wisconsin
1949 Sanborn, Oklahoma
1950 Grand Valley, Colorado
1951 Sanborn, Oklahoma
1952 Lynchburg, Virginia
1953 Portland, Oregon
1954 Sanborn, Oklahoma
1955 Portland, Oregon
1956 Front Range, Colorado
1957 Davenport, Iowa
1958 Rochester, Minnesota
1959 Rochester, Minnesota
1960 Harford County, Maryland
1961 Dwight Lydell, Michigan
1962 – 1965 None
1966 Miller, Indiana
1967 None
1968 Howard County, Indiana
1969 None
1970 Howard County, Indiana
1971 None
1972 Cape May County, New Jersey
1973 Wabash, Indiana
1974 Howard County, Indiana
1975 None
1976 Fredericksburg-Rappahannock, Virginia
1977 Redwood Empire, California
1978 None
1979 McCook Lake, South Dakota
1980 Woodbury County, Iowa
1981 None
1982 – 1983 Marshall County, Iowa
1984 Eugene, Oregon
1985 Eugene, Oregon
1986 Eugene, Oregon
1987 Homewood Memorial, Illinois
1988 None
1989 Manatee-Sarasota, Florida
1990 W. J. McCabe, Minnesota
1991 Northern Kentucky, Kentucky
1992 Agassiz, Minnesota
1993 York #67, Pennsylvania
1994 Kampeska, South Dakota
1995 Greater Ozarks, Missouri
1996 Harford County, Maryland
1997 Cincinnati, Ohio
1998 Rockville, Maryland
1999 Agassiz, Minnesota
2000 Rockville, Maryland
2001 Mountaineer, West Virginia
2002 Eugene, Oregon
2003 Silverton, Oregon
2004 Rockville, Maryland
2005 Wildlife Achievement, Maryland
2006 None
2007 Zip Little, West Virginia
2008 Wildlife Achievement, Maryland
2009 Mountaineer, West Virginia
2010 Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Maryland
2011 West Central, Iowa
2012 Kampeska, South Dakota (<500)
2013 Hamilton, Ohio (<500)
2014 Porter County, Indiana (<500)
2015 White Oak River, North Carolina (<500)
Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Maryland (>500)
2016 Porter County, Indiana (<500)
Rockville, Maryland (>500)
2017 None
2018 Porter County, Indiana (<500)
Loudoun County, Virginia (>500)
2019 Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Maryland (>500)
2020 Porter County, Indiana (<500)
Loudoun County, Virginia (>500)
2021 Rockville, Maryland (>500)
2022 Porter County, Indiana (<500)
Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Maryland (>500)
2023 Minnesota Valley Chapter, Minnesota (<500)
Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Maryland (>500)
2024 Minnesota Valley Chapter, Minnesota (<500)
Dragoon Trail Chapter, Iowa (>500)
2025 Berkeley County Chapter, West Virginia (<500)
Rockville Chapter, Maryland (>500)

SHOOTING SPORTS AWARD

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

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)

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)

2018 Stan Bonjour
(Southwest Wisconsin Chapter, Wisconsin)
Steve Knight (Oil City Chapter, Pennsylvania)
Charlie Mundy – Grand View University
Shooting Sports Team, Iowa

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)

2022 Harrisburg Tiger Trap Shooting Club –
Harrisburg, South Dakota
Shooting Sports Program
(Rockville Chapter, Maryland)
Norb Ruhland
(McCook Lake Chapter, South Dakota)

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)

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)

2025 Bethesda-Chevy-Chase Chapter, Maryland
Duval T. Crist (Rockville, Maryland)
Jeff T. Rawlinson (Lincoln Chapter, Nebraska)
Todd Taylor (Sioux Falls Chapter, South Dakota)

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