

SIERRA CLUB FLORIDA AWARDS PROGRAM AND AWARD NOMINATION FORM

The Sierra Club Florida has always felt that recognition of the work of volunteers is a responsibility because volunteers are essential to the work of the Club. All Groups should take advantage of this state-level awards program to honor your volunteers.

The process starts in the summer of each year, when leaders start thinking about volunteers who have done extraordinary job of protecting our environment and/or volunteers who need to be recognized for their essential work in the Club.

1. **The deadline for submission of nominations is September 1** and awards are presented at the Chapter's annual Conservation Conference in December. These dates may be amended; notice of a call for nominations will be announced via email, on social media and on the Chapter web site.
2. There are three (3) categories of Sierra Florida Awards, as follows:
 - a. Awards to members for outstanding work/leadership at the Group level;
 - i. [Pine Tree](#)
 - ii. [Manatee](#)
 - iii. [Panther](#)
 - iv. [Oak Leaf](#)
 - v. [Otter](#)
 - vi. [Gopher Tortoise](#)
 - vii. [Sand Dollar](#)
 - viii. [Whooping Crane](#)
 - b. Awards to Sierra members or members of the community at-large for outstanding environmental work:
 - i. [Red Howell Legal Services Award](#)
 - ii. [Indigo](#)
 - iii. [Barred Owl](#)
 - iv. [Cypress](#)
 - v. [Osprey](#)
 - c. Awards to members for outstanding work/leadership at the State level:
 - i. [Florida Eco-System](#)
 - ii. [Florida Chapter Medal](#)
 - iii. [Palm Leaf](#)
 1. Conservation
 2. Administration
 - iv. [Pelican](#)
 - v. [Dolphin](#)
 - vi. [Florida Black Bear](#)
3. Click [here](#) to jump to the Award Nomination form (last page in document)
 - a. After completing all entries, scan or attach the form to an email and send to: awards@florida.sierraclub.com or mail to: Mary-Slater Linn, 804 Ruyg St, Apt 1, Orlando, FL 32804-4955.

Nomination Form is at the end of this document

AWARDS FOR GROUP ACTIVISM

PINE TREE AWARD

This is a special award for Group leadership. It honors a Group leader whose outstanding leadership has been of exceptional benefit to the Group in any of the following areas: management, inspiration and encouragement of volunteers, outings, fundraising, membership, etc. This is not an award for environmental work. Each Group may nominate one person for this award. The awards Committee will select 0-4 recipients annually.

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MANATEE AWARD

This award honors a Group member who has done an outstanding job of service to the Group. Each Group may nominate one person annually for this award. The Awards Committee will select 0-4 recipients annually.

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PANTHER AWARD

This award is given to a Group member who has done outstanding conservation work on a project within the Group's area. Each Group may nominate one member annually. The Awards Committee will select 0-4 recipients annually.

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OAK LEAF AWARD

This is a special achievement award for environmental work. Recipients of this award will be selected by the Awards Committee from among the nominees for the Panther Award. From 0-3 persons will be selected annually.

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OTTER AWARD

This award honors a Group member who has done an outstanding job for the Group's outings program. Each Group may nominate one person annually for this award. The Awards Committee will select 0-4 recipients annually.

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GOPHER TORTOISE AWARD

This is a Group support award for a person (spouse, significant other, good friend, etc) whose continued extraordinary behind the scenes efforts encourages and supports a more visible, recognized activist. Nominations must detail the actual contributions to Sierra Club of the nominee as they relate to this award. Named for the gopher tortoise, whose burrows can support up to 360 other species, including those endangered and threatened. Each Group may nominate one person annually and the Awards Committee will select up to four recipients per year.

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SAND DOLLAR AWARD

This award honors a Group member who has done an outstanding job for the Group's fund raising program. Each Group may nominate one person annually and the Awards Committee will select up to four recipients per year.

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WHOOPIING CRANE AWARD

This awards honors a Group member who has done an outstanding job in the area of public relations and publications for the Group. This can include keeping the local media informed of local, regional or national activities and issues, Group newsletter publication and promotion, and Group web page development and promotion. Each Group may nominate one person annually and the Awards Committee will select up to 4 recipients per year.

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AWARDS TO SIERRA MEMBERS OR MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

RED HOWELL LEGAL SERVICES AWARD

This award is given in remembrance of a dedicated friend of the environment. Red Howell was an attorney and a Sierra Club activist who served as the fourth chair of the Florida Chapter. He was a founder and a chair of the Polk County Group and was an activist in the Volusia-Flagler Group. His special interest was land use law, and he spent the last fifteen years of his life working to protect Florida's fragile environment. This award is given in Red Howell's name to recognize attorneys who work through the legal system to improve Florida's environmental quality.

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THE INDIGO AWARD

This award is for a writer/journalist who provides balanced reports on Florida's environmental issues. The recipient may have developed a series of articles, a book, or a script around a specific issue impacting the environment or environmental policy or have consistently provided a voice for the environment of Florida. Samples must be provided with the nomination.

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BARRED OWL AWARD

This award is for a business that has consistently made environmental concerns a major part of its presence in the marketplace through its product and its dealings with suppliers, consumers and the general public. The Awards Committee will select recipient(s) subject to Flexcom approval.

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CYPRESS AWARD

This is for an individual who has contributed greatly to the public's environmental awareness in his or her own locale or Florida as a whole. The Awards Committee will select recipient(s) subject to Flexcom approval.

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OSPREY AWARD

This award is presented for extraordinary effort by a governmental staff person to promote or effect changes in policy or practice to protect or preserve Florida's environment. The Awards Committee will select recipient(s) annually subject to Flexcom approval.

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Awards For Outstanding Leadership at the State Level

FLORIDA ECO-SYSTEM AWARD

The Eco-System Award is for a team who has made a significant accomplishment on an environmental or organizational issue.

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FLORIDA CHAPTER MEDAL

This is the highest Chapter honor. It recognizes a member who has sustained an exceptional record of leadership in conservation work on state regional or national levels. This award shall be given no more often than every two or three years.

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PALM LEAF AWARD

This award honors a member with an outstanding record of leadership and dedicated service to the Chapter. It can acknowledge service either in the administration of the Chapter or outstanding conservation work at the state or national level. No more than two awards may be given in one year: one for administrative work and one for conservation work. Previous awardees:

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PELICAN AWARD

This award honors a member for exceptional work, above and beyond the call of duty, on a conservation project of statewide importance. This award is for the "layman" volunteer activist. Chapter officers are not eligible for this award while in office. No more than two Pelican Awards can be given in one year.

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DOLPHIN AWARD

This award honors a member with an outstanding record of consistent, long-term, invaluable service in sustaining or rescuing a vital Chapter function. Chapter officers are not eligible for this award while in office. Up to two awards may be given in one year.

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FLORIDA BLACK BEAR AWARD

This is a new award for 2012, given to an individual who has made a unique contribution to the Florida Chapter's conservation agenda. The recognized contribution may be for a career-long commitment or for fulfilling a critical, if more time-limited, role in Chapter activities such as campaigns or litigation.

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Sierra Club Florida Award Nomination Form

- Deadline is September 1. Awards Announced in December

Sierra Club Florida will present awards in December. All Florida Sierrans are invited to submit nominations. Your nominee doesn't need to be a member of your own Group.

You must completely detail the person's qualifications. Do not assume that the Awards Committee has any information about the merits of your nominee. Incomplete nominations will be returned for more information and must be resubmitted before the deadline to be considered.

Send your form to awards@florida.sierraclub.org or mail it to: Mary-Slater Linn, 804 Rugey St, Apt 1, Orlando, FL 32804-4955.

Including the following information:

1. Nominee's Name: _____
2. Nominee's Group: _____
3. Award Name: _____ (Panther, Manatee, etc.)
4. Length of Service: _____
5. Previous Group or Chapter Awards: _____
6. Nominated by Group ExCom: yes / no
7. Contact Name: _____

Your email address: _____

Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Please attach narrative why nominee should get the award. The more details you provide, the better the awards committee can evaluate the nominee.