

The 2008 River Heroes Award

Celebrating Rivers and Those Who Protect Them

Background

All too frequently, individuals and groups involved with natural resource conservation fail to celebrate their hard-won successes. Too often, important victories are allowed to be overshadowed by the next issue or threat. Challenges always lie ahead, but we need to take time each year to celebrate our achievements and the people who make them possible. To weave a celebratory thread throughout the watershed community, in 2001, River Network created:

The River Heroes Award

Eligibility

Open to any individual (board member, staff or volunteer) who has successfully worked with a river conservation organization to improve a river and its watershed or who over the years has made a consistent and substantial contribution to the growth and sustainability of the organization.

Criteria

The River Heroes Award will recognize individuals in the watershed movement who:

- Provide leadership
- Inspire the work of others
- Utilize innovative strategies and techniques to achieve significant results
- Foster the growth and sustainability of a watershed community.
- Are able to give short speeches!

Application Process/Deadline

Individuals associated with the River Network Partnership are eligible to submit nominations; nominees do NOT have to be River Network Partners. River Network employees and board members are not eligible to submit nominations or be nominated.

To nominate yourself or another individual, please return one completed copy of the NOMINATION FORM and 3 LETTERS OF SUPPORT postmarked by Friday, February 08, 2008. The letters of support should be representative of the community at-large. Please do not send any materials not requested on the nomination form as they will not be used in the decision-making process.

Completed application packets should be sent to:
Katherine Luscher
River Network – River Heroes Nomination
520 SW 6th Avenue #1130
Portland, OR 97204

Review Process

River Network staff will review all nominations. A panel representative of the watershed community will make final decisions, selecting up to five (5) individuals to receive the honor.

Awards

Award recipients will be honored during a celebratory banquet at River Network's River Rally (May 2-5th, 2008; Huron, OH). Honorees will receive a scholarship to attend the River Rally, a plaque of commendation, acknowledgement on River Network's web page and in River Network publications, a 1-year River Network Partnership and additional gifts from River Network.

River Network
2007 River Heroes Award Nomination Form
(form can be replicated)

Date: _____

This nomination is submitted by*

Your Name: _____
Organization: _____
Street: _____
City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____
Office phone: (____) _____ **Home phone:** (____) _____
Fax: (____) _____ **Email:** _____

If the nominee is selected may we contact you for materials related to the nominees work (newsletters, articles, photographs, etc.) yes__ no__

May we share the letters of support with your nominee? yes__ no__

If the nominee is selected, who would you suggest to present the award at the Heroes Banquet? The presenter should be someone attending the River Rally who is familiar with the Hero and able/willing to give short speeches. River Network staff are not eligible to make award presentations.

Name/Contact Information: _____

**Nominations must be submitted by individuals affiliated with the River Network Partnership. This can include staff, board, members and volunteers of River Network Partners.*

Nominee Information

Nominee's Name: _____
Nominee's Title: _____
Organization: _____
Street: _____
City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____
Office phone: (____) _____ **Home phone:** (____) _____
Fax: (____) _____ **Email:** _____

My relationship to the nominee is: _____

Requested Application Materials

In addition to the above information, please provide the following:

- No more than two, single-side 8.5" x 11" type-written pages describing:
 - The nominee's background
 - General background information concerning the river/watershed of interest (e.g., size; type; water uses/users; unique features/interesting facts; etc.)
 - The event, program or project for which the nominee deserves recognition
 - The measurable results of the event, program or project
 - The overall contribution the nominee has made to river conservation movement

- 3 Letters of support

The top of each letter must clearly identify the name of the nominee. Each letter should also provide the supporter's contact information and their relationship to the nominee and specifically address the ways in which the nominee meets the River Heroes criteria. When possible, letters of support should not be mailed separately; the letters should be included as part of the nomination packet submitted to River Network.



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