

**ARIZONA GAME AND FISH COMMISSION  
2017 COMMISSION AWARDS NOMINATION FORM**

SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS **5:00 p.m., August 24, 2017**

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

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

<b>Nominee's Name</b>			
<b>Nominee's Address</b>			
<b>Nominee's Telephone</b>		<b>E-mail</b>	
<b>Award Category</b>			

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

<b>Name</b>			
<b>Address</b>			
<b>Telephone</b>		<b>E-mail</b>	

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

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

**Return this form and all supplemental materials to [lroe@azgfd.gov](mailto:lroe@azgfd.gov)  
or mail to Arizona Game and Fish Department, Attn: 2017 Commission Awards,  
5000 W. Carefree Highway, Phoenix, AZ 85086  
or fax to 623-236-7299  
Submission deadline is 5:00 p.m. on **August 24, 2017.****

## **COMMISSION AWARD CATEGORIES FOR 2017**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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