

Alabama Outstanding Young Forester Award Sub-Committee
Charter Description
Alabama Division, SAF

Established Date: 1 August 2007

Objectives:

1. To officially recognize young, professional foresters who are members of the Alabama Division of the Southeastern Society of American Foresters, and who have made outstanding contributions in forestry
2. To motivate other young foresters
3. To increase public awareness of what forestry is all about within the State by recognizing the achievements of young, professional foresters

Organization:

The Alabama Outstanding Young Forester Award Sub-Committee, hereinafter referred to as AOYFA Committee, shall be a Standing Sub-Committee of the Awards Committee, consisting of five (5) members, with the AOYFA Committee Chair appointed by the Division Chair and AOYFA Committee members appointed by the AOYFA Committee Chair. AOYFA Committee membership shall be composed of individuals from diverse geographic regions of the State, and at least three (3) AOYFA Committee members shall be past Award Recipients. The term of office of the AOYFA Committee shall run concurrently with the term of office of other Division officers, with the exception of Historian. In case a vacancy develops, for any reason, the Division Chair shall appoint a successor for the unexpired term.

Activities:

1. Solicit nominations from each Chapter and the membership as a whole.
2. Require that nominations be accompanied by a biographical sketch, of not more than 300 words, outlining the nominee's participation in the Society of American Foresters, professional achievement in forestry and/or allied fields, and community service activities. Each nomination shall bear the signature(s) of the initiating party or parties.
3. Evaluate all nominees and notify the Division Chair of the AOYFA Committee's selection, not later than thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting of the Division.
4. Obtain unanimous approval of the AOYFA Committee, by voice vote or written ballot, to arrive at a selection of the recipient of the Alabama Outstanding Young Forester Award.
5. Subsequent to the presentation of each award, the documents relating to the selection and presentation shall be given to the Historian for inclusion in the permanent history files of the Division.
6. Develop, design, and secure an appropriate plaque, or equivalent, for recipients of the award to be presented during the Annual Meeting of the Division next following selection.
7. Forego making an award in any one year in which, by unanimous vote of the AOYFA Committee, an outstanding candidate is not nominated.
8. All public announcements concerning the results of the selection shall be made by

the Chair of the Public Affairs Committee of the Division.

Award Candidate Criteria:

1. An Alabama resident who has graduated from a curriculum in forestry accredited by the Society of American Foresters.
2. Members of the Alabama Division, in good standing, who have not passed their 40th birthday.
3. Nominated without regard to sex, race, religion, creed, political affiliation, or geographic location of residence.
4. A Registered Forester in Alabama.
5. Considered in subsequent years when not selected for the award in the initial year of nomination.
6. Not currently serving as an Officer of the Division or a member of the AOYFA Committee.
7. Recognized for outstanding contributions to:
 - a) The Society of American Foresters,
 - b) The profession of forestry through professional achievement,
 - c) Their community of residence.

Duration:

Standing Sub-Committee

Amendments:

This charter may be amended by majority vote of the Executive Committee.

Date Approved: 2 April 2008

Dates Amended: 18 August 2011