

Nebraska Community Forestry Awards Program

Each year the Nebraska Forest Service recognizes outstanding programs and projects in Community Forestry. There are nine categories for nominations. Awards are presented each year at the annual Tree City USA Conference and Awards Program held in Lincoln. The NFS encourages nominations. Deadline for each year will be the end of January but submissions can be made at any time.

To nominate a program, citizen, group, or business please fill out the form on the second page. Nomination categories are listed on the se for your convenience.

Award Categories

Youth Award - An individual or youth group demonstrating knowledge of the value of trees through community projects and programs. Helping with a community Arbor Day program, being part of a tree planting project, or any other way of promoting trees in the community would qualify.

Outstanding Tree Care Award - An individual or group showing devotion to tree care through acts and deeds.

Educator Award – An individual or school educating the youth of Nebraska about the importance of trees and the history of Arbor Day. Extra curricular activities, special programs, or any other program or event the educator/school does above and beyond the normal education process would qualify.

Community Enhancement Award - A community that has established a green space project(s) within the community including proper care and maintenance. Communities that have received funds through the Community Forestry Assistance Program, Community Enhancement Program, Green Space Initiative, or other grants for projects are eligible. Any community greening project is eligible. Only projects using tree resources as part of the entire project qualify.

Business Award - A business person or business working to enhance trees in the community through time and money. Business people or businesses that help support Arbor Day projects, provide monies for tree planting or sponsorships, or that provide a free service to help tree boards are just some ways to qualify for this award.

Green Industry Award - A business person or business that works with trees (arborist, landscape architect, nursery, etc.) rising above and beyond to enhance the community tree resource. Donating trees for a project, providing time and equipment at no extra cost, or giving a talk to the public are ways to qualify for this award.

Media Award - Any media (television, radio, newspaper, etc.) that supports and promotes the importance of trees in the community and reports it. Doing a regular column, donating space for tree project announcements, and covering as many tree projects as possible are ways media can qualify for this award.

Utility Award - Any utility (electric, gas, water, etc.) for maintaining the health and vigor of community trees by supporting and promoting proper tree care techniques. Examples are programs to replant trees, informational flyers, public relations, or any other means used by utilities to promote proper tree placement and directional pruning.

Legacy Award - Any person who has passed on, but their lessons, actions, dedication, and love for trees has been instilled and carried on by all those who knew that person.

**NEBRASKA COMMUNITY FORESTRY AWARD
NOMINATION FORM**

Please Print or Type

Name of Nominator: _____

Nominator's Phone Number: _____

Nominator's email: _____

Name of Person, Group, or Business Nominated:

Phone Number of the above Nominated: _____

Email: _____

Award Nominated for: (see next page for categories and descriptions)

Please write (**print or type**) a short explanation/summary of why you nominated the individual, group, or business for the above award. Limit your summary to no more than one additional sheet of paper if needed.

**Return to Chip Murrow, Nebraska Forest Service, 103 Plant Industry, Lincoln, NE 68583-0815.
Deadline for each year is January 31.**