



South Carolina Prescribed Fire Council ANNUAL AWARD NOMINATIONS

The Awards Committee of the SC Prescribed Fire Council is pleased to announce the annual awards program to recognize significant contributions in the field of prescribed fire by practitioners, landowners, and advocates.

The nomination period for the 2021 awards is now open. The activity period for the award is September 2020 through August 2021. Nominations and supporting materials must be received by Friday, July 16.

Anyone may submit a nomination for an individual or group that has demonstrated outstanding service in the following categories. The awards committee will evaluate the nominations and supporting materials and present awards at the Annual Meeting in September.

Private Landowner Prescribed Burner of the Year

This award recognizes a private landowner who has demonstrated significant achievements in the implementation of prescribed fire as a natural resource management tool on his/her own property, as well as promoted the benefits of prescribed burning within his/her community. Criteria are not limited to number of acres burned annually, but may also include overcoming obstacles to prescribed burning on his/her property, assisting fellow landowners with implementing prescribed burning, and demonstrating marked enhancement or improvement of his/her natural resources through the implementation of a successful prescribed fire regime.

Lifetime Achievement for Excellence in Prescribed Fire

This award is presented to an individual who has distinguished him or herself through a lifetime of contributions and dedication to the advancement of prescribed fire in South Carolina. The award honors an individual who:

- Has ten or more years of experience in South Carolina as a prescribed fire practitioner, manager, or advocate;
- Is at, or near, retirement;
- Is leaving South Carolina after a long tenure; or
- Is being recognized posthumously.

Excellence in Prescribed Fire Management, Innovation, or Advocacy

This award recognizes an individual (or group) who has demonstrated significant achievements as a practitioner, advocate within the community of practice, or educator effectively promoting the benefits of prescribed burning to the public using both traditional and new communication technologies. Criteria are not limited to number of acres burned annually, but may also include overcoming obstacles to prescribed burning on his/her property, assisting fellow practitioners with implementing prescribed burning, and advocating for prescribed fire as a natural resource management tool for lands throughout South Carolina.

Please fill out the attached form and submit to **Ricky Lackey (rlackey@nwtf.net)** by **July 16**. Although not required, you may wish to include additional letters of support, photographs, or other items that support the nomination. Nominees receiving multiple nominations across the community of practice will be considered favorably.

(Please type or neatly print all entries)

1. **Award:** _____
2. **Name of nominee:** _____
Address of nominee: _____

3. **Employer of nominee (if applicable):** _____
4. **Telephone number of nominee** _____
(Business) (Residence)
5. **E-mail address of nominee:** _____
6. **Describe in detail the nominee's outstanding service and contributions that warrant nomination for the designated award. What has the nominee accomplished that causes you to believe he or she is the best-qualified candidate for this award? What has the nominee accomplished beyond those expectations of their regular job? Be explicit, concise, and factual. Continue on additional sheets if necessary.**

7. **Nomination submitted by:** _____

E-mail: _____ **Phone #:** _____