

Distinguished Forest Professional

(Award for Members)

Overview & Criteria

The Distinguished Forest Professional award recognizes an individual for outstanding service to the profession of forestry and for furthering the principles of the Association of BC Forest Professionals. It is the association's highest honour for a member. It typically recognizes significant contributions to the betterment of forestry over a substantial period or over the duration of the recipient's career.

Persons considering making a nomination for this award should refer to the caliber of past recipients to get an idea of the potential qualifications for this award but recognize that each nomination is unique.

This award is given for all of the following:

- outstanding contributions to the betterment of forestry and forest practices, including contributions to the application of forestry in any of its branches, education or research;
- advancement of the profession; and
- service to the profession and the association.

The scope of these contributions may be at the community, regional, provincial, national or international level.

This award was first created in 1970. It was originally named the Distinguished Forester award. In 2004, the award was renamed the Distinguished Forest Professional award to recognize the name change of the association and to include Registered Forest Technologists.

Eligibility

The nominee must meet all of the following:

- either be a Registered Professional Forester, Registered Forest Technologist, Retired Member or a Life Member in good standing; and
- not have been convicted of an indictable offense.

The nominee must be a current member in good standing of the ABCFP; however, deceased persons may be nominated posthumously.

Nominations

Nominations for this award will be accepted from the membership until the stated deadline. Late nominations will not be considered. Nominations are normally accepted until early November of each year. Members will be notified of the exact deadline via the association's magazine, electronic newsletter and website.

The nomination package must reflect the high calibre of the award and the person being nominated. To be considered for nomination the package must be submitted in its entirety and must include all of the following:

- Letter of nomination signed by five ABCFP members and endorsed (i.e. signed) by another five ABCFP members. The nomination letter must outline the reason(s) for the nomination. Refer to the overview and criteria section above to ensure the individual meets the standard for this award.
- A resume or biographical sketch of the nominee may be requested by the award determination sub-committee.

Nominators are accountable for the quality and accuracy of information contained in the nomination submission.

Selection Process

Nominations from the membership will be requested in the fall of each year. Recipients are selected by council and past presidents of the association based on the above criteria. Council and past presidents may issue more than one Distinguished Forest Professional Award each year if nominees meet these criteria.

Presentation

This award is usually presented at the President's Awards Banquet during the ABCFP annual forestry conference.