

Professional Forester of the Year

(Award for Members)

Overview & Criteria

The Professional Forester of the Year award recognizes a Registered Professional Forester for recent, outstanding service to the profession of forestry and for furthering the principles of the Association of BC Forest Professionals. It typically recognizes contributions to the betterment of forestry made within the last one to five years and it may be related to one specific project.

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

This award is given for any one 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;
- forestry related service to his/her community;
- advancement of the profession; or
- 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 1988. It was originally named the Forester of the Year award. In 2004, the award was renamed the Professional Forester of the Year award.

Eligibility

Retired Members and Life Members are not eligible for nomination. The nominee must meet both of the following:

- be a Registered Professional Forester 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, recently deceased members 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 caliber of the award and the person being nominated. The package must be submitted in its entirety, otherwise it will be considered as an incomplete nomination. It must include all of the following:

- Letter of nomination from one ABCFP member endorsed (i.e. signed) by 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 or team of individuals meet 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

Recipients are selected by council based on the above criteria. Council can only give one Professional Forester of the Year award annually.

Presentation

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