

ABOUT THE AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

The Florida Urban Forestry Council is changing the way that the awards are presented to the recipients by bringing the presentations "closer to home." The awards will be presented to each winner at a local event held in their own community. This could be a city commission meeting, tree planting ceremony, or other special event. In this way, the "Friends of Our Urban Forest" award recipients will receive special recognition within their own communities - where it matters most. In addition to the presentation of the award, the local community may also receive a voucher for a tree that can be planted within their community. These presentations will be scheduled in late January and early February which may allow for some award presentations to be held in conjunction with Arbor Day celebrations.

2009 FRIENDS OF OUR URBAN FOREST AWARDS

Awards Categories

OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONAL

Recognition of a professional individual for his or her contribution to urban forestry activities and arboricultural practices. Nominees include municipal foresters, landscape architects, private arborists, utility arborists, growers, and educators.

OUTSTANDING TREE ADVOCATE OR TREE ADVOCACY GROUP

Recognition of an individual instrumental in organizing or motivating urban forestry activities within a community OR recognition of an organization stimulating landscape beautification, tree planting, maintenance, preservation and/or public educational programs within their community. For the Outstanding Tree Advocate award, nominees can include community leaders, elected officials, exceptional volunteers, local nonprofit organizers, and concerned citizens. Nominees for the Tree Advocacy Group award can include tree boards, beautification committees, garden clubs, nonprofit organizations, youth groups, and homeowner associations.

OUTSTANDING PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Recognition of a public outreach program or communication tool which informs, teaches and motivates the public on the importance of trees and the value of urban forestry activities within their communities and the state. Nominees include television programs, advertisements, public service announcements, interactive CDs, school programs, websites, and other media.

OUTSTANDING PROJECT

Recognition of a residential, commercial or public project that demonstrates tree preservation, tree planting, tree maintenance, or environmentally-sound planning or design. Nominees should come from cities, developers, landscape architects, engineers, architects, planners, builders, arborists, and landscape contractors.

OUTSTANDING URBAN FORESTRY PROGRAM

LARGE (OVER 35,000 IN POPULATION) AND SMALL (UNDER 35,000 IN POPULATION) COMMUNITIES

Recognition of a local government or agency providing exemplary leadership and vision to a comprehensive urban forestry program. Activities may include beautification, tree planting, preservation, maintenance, tree inventories, public education, unique partnerships, and other programs. Extra consideration will be given to those organizations which have been designated as a Tree City USA or have received the Tree City USA Growth Award. Nominees can include local governments, schools, military bases, and other governmental entities. Please note size of population, since awards may be given to both large communities over 35,000 and small communities less than 35,000.



**Deadline for Submission:
October 31, 2009**

- OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONAL
- OUTSTANDING TREE ADVOCATE OR TREE ADVOCACY GROUP
- OUTSTANDING PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM
- OUTSTANDING PROJECT
- OUTSTANDING URBAN FORESTRY PROGRAM
Large and Small Communities

CATEGORIES

Presented by:



GUIDELINES

- Nominate your own work, the work of your organization or the work of another.
- Each application must be typed and presented in a standard three-ring binder (no larger than ½ inch capacity). The completed awards entry form must be the first page of the application. Following the entry form should be a summary of not more than three typewritten pages that describe the project's, program's or individual's contribution to urban and community forestry as outlined in the Award Categories.
- Support documentation such as photographs, press clippings, printed pieces, and letters of commendation are encouraged, but shall be limited to 12 additional pages. All supporting documents must be attached or secured inside the application. Please, no loose documentation such as videotapes. Each application must include at least three digital photos in order to be considered. Examples include photos of the individual recipient, project logo, etc.
- Deadline for entry is **October 31, 2009**. Submit the original, one full copy and the three digital photos to:

Friends of Our Urban Forest Awards Program
Florida Urban Forestry Council
Post Office Box 547993
Orlando, FL 32854-7993

*All submitted materials become property of the Florida Urban Forestry Council. **Please note:** The Awards Committee reserves the right to reassign the entry to another category if deemed appropriate. For questions or additional entry forms, please contact Sandy Temple, Florida Urban Forestry Council Executive Director at (407) 872-1738.*



NAME OF ENTRY, INDIVIDUAL OR PROJECT

NAME OF CONTACT PERSON FOR THE ENTRY

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

PHONE

FAX

E-MAIL

NOMINATED BY (IF DIFFERENT)

ADDRESS

CITY

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NUMBER OF DUPLICATE CERTIFICATES IF NEEDED

AWARD CATEGORY (please check one):

- Outstanding Professional
- Outstanding Tree Advocate or Tree Advocacy Group
- Outstanding Public Educational Program
- Outstanding Project
- Outstanding Urban Forestry Program / Large Community
- Outstanding Urban Forestry Program / Small Community

SEND ALL NOMINATIONS TO:

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