



National
Wildlife Refuge
Association

NOMINATION FORM

Friends Group of the Year Award

This award recognizes the outstanding contributions by the groups of dedicated volunteers in Friends organizations who provide essential services to the Refuge System. This award will be presented to the Friends group whose contributions are judged to be the most outstanding of the candidate groups nominated, based on the following information:

Nominee (Group Name **and** President): _____

Nominee's Mailing Address: _____

Nominee's Telephone Number: _____

Nominee's Email Address: _____

Refuge: _____

Refuge Mailing Address: _____

Refuge Telephone Number: _____

Refuge Manager: _____

Refuge Manager's Email Address: _____

Nominated By:

Name: _____

Title/Relationship to Group: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Date: _____

Please describe the accomplishments and attributes of the nominee in each of the following evaluation categories. Attach additional sheets if needed.

Innovation and Excellence in:

1. Advancing the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System.
2. Providing a supporting influence in the development of a positive relationship between the refuge and the local community.
3. Working as an independent advocate to protect natural resources.
4. Cooperating with other Friends organizations locally, regionally or nationally and participating where possible in collaborative programs with these groups as well as with the National Wildlife Refuge Association.
5. Maintaining a relationship of cooperation and mutual respect with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service personnel.
6. Adhering to high ethical standards of behavior applicable to private nonprofit charitable organizations and adhering to all reporting requirements and other regulations required by state and federal law.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS (Include any additional information that you feel would be helpful to the selection committee in their review of the various evaluation categories. Any documents enclosed with the nomination should be relevant to the specific evaluation criteria. Simple letters of endorsement that don't add substance to the nomination are discouraged.)