

Founder's Award

The Founder's Award is given to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to forest entomology in the western North America. The award recognizes significant contributions in pest management, extension-consultation, research, and teaching. See a list of previous Founder's Award recipients and view their Founder's Award addresses.

Guidelines for this award were established at the 1991 work conference. The award will be given each year to one qualified nominee or exceptional team/partnership. An award will not be given in years when NAFIWC is held or there are no qualified nominees. Nominee(s) will remain eligible for consideration for 3 years after submission of the nomination. In this way, if several qualified individuals are nominated in any given year, the nominee(s) not selected in that particular year will remain eligible for 2 subsequent years. Previously submitted nominations may be updated in subsequent years.

Award recipient presents a Founder's Award address at the next scheduled WFIWC meeting, typically the night of the banquet. The recipient's registration fee for that meeting will be waived and the WFIWC will provide one night of lodging at that meeting.

Eligibility of Nominators

Nominations for the Founders Award will be accepted from any individual, including, members of the WFIWC Executive Committee or the Award Committee. Founder's Award committee members will recuse themselves from voting on nomination packages that they have prepared.

Eligibility of Nominees

The nominee should have an outstanding record of service to western forest entomology. Members of the WFIWC Award Committee are not eligible for nomination.

Nomination Procedures

Preparation of an outstanding nomination for a distinguished colleague is a compliment to both the nominee and the nominator, and it enhances the nominee's chances for selection as the recipient. A nomination package includes a completed nomination form, supporting letters and a cover letter.

- 1) The nomination format outlines information to be provided by the nominator. The assistance of the nominee in supplying information is encouraged to improve the accuracy and completeness of the documentation. Completed nomination forms are limited to four single-spaced pages.
- 2) Supporting letters should be solicited by, and addressed to, the nominator. A maximum of three supporting letters will be accepted. Each supporting letter should not exceed one single-spaced page.

3) The cover letter should highlight primary contributions on which the nominations is based. Explain why the nominee is especially well qualified to receive the award.

Please save the complete nomination package (nomination form, supporting letters, cover letter) as a single file in either pdf or Microsoft word format. Label the file with the name of the person being nominated and the year (e.g., EdHolsten2010-FoundersAward.pdf). Email the file to: joel.mcmillin@usda.gov.

The nomination package must be submitted no later than **January 31st** for consideration at the next work conference. Strict adherence to this deadline will be observed in order to allow sufficient time for the selection process, art work, and plaque production.