2023 FAMILY FORESTS EDUCATION AWARDS
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Presented by the
National Woodland Owners Association
and the
National Association of University Forest Resources Programs

The National Woodland Owners Association (NWOA) in cooperation with the National Association of University Forest Resources Programs (NAUFRP), will present the annual **FAMILY FORESTS EDUCATION AWARDS** at the 2023 NAUFRP Annual Meeting associated with the 2023 Society of American Foresters (SAF) national convention in Sacramento, CA on October 25-28, 2023. Please see below for information on the awards, application process, and requirements. **Due date August 25, 2023**.

2022 Winners - The **Individual Project Award** went to Virginia Cooperative Extension's Generation NEXT Team "Legacy Planning: A Guide for Virginia Landowners" (see photo). The **Comprehensive Program Award** was presented to University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources for their Forest Stewardship Education Initiative. See www.naufrp.org Extension Committee for more information on past winners .

AWARD DESCRIPTIONS

The **Comprehensive Program** and **Individual Project** awards will be presented to educational institutions deemed to have delivered programming most benefiting family forest owners over the last five years. Any educational institution is eligible. The awards will be presented to the administrative unit originating and hosting the programming.

A family forest educational comprehensive program or individual project is a combination of educational materials, media, courses, workshops, events and/or electronic media including applied research that supports those efforts, for the benefit of family forest owners. The awards recognize effective programming addressing any or all aspects of forest resources management including forest management, silviculture, forest health, harvesting, forest and estate planning, business management and marketing.

CATEGORIES and SCORING

Nominations will be accepted for two categories:

- **Individual Project** that addresses a specific family forest issue or problem and can include specialized courses, workshops, webpages and resources, materials, etc.
- **Comprehensive Program** includes a broad educational effort to address a diverse array of family forest issues and program using a wide range of educational approaches and programs.

Nominations will be evaluated using the following criteria:
1. Faculty and staff involved (including number and multi-disciplinary involvement)
2. Educational needs assessment (including involvement of clients)
3. Educational materials, events, and other resources used
4. Applied research incorporated
5. Collaborations among disciplines, agencies, and organizations
6. Results, impacts, or outcomes
7. Evidence of program quality
8. Degree of innovation
9. Emulation of the program by others

APPLICATIONS

Applications must:
- include a cover letter describing how the applicant has addressed each of the scoring criteria
- at the beginning of the cover letter designate whether the nomination is for the **Comprehensive Program** or **Individual Project**
- provide supporting documentation and materials.

A committee composed of NAUFRP Extension professionals will select the winner based on an evaluation of how each of the 9 criteria above has been met.

The deadline for receiving all materials is August 25, 2023.

Submissions can be electronic or hardcopy materials. If providing only hardcopy materials, please provide at least five sets.

SUBMISSIONS

All nominations should be submitted via email to: naufrp@verizon.net . Attach materials to the email or provide arrangement for document sharing. If document sharing is required, the applicant must arrange a document sharing platform that can be accessed by NAUFRP staff and those appointed to score applications.

If submissions cannot be provided electronically provide five hardcopies, postmarked by the deadline to:
    NAUFRP-NWOA 2022 Family Forest Education Award
    c/o Terri Bates, NAUFRP Executive Liaison
    P.O. Box 2004
    Falls Church, VA 22042

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