

Help Honor Our Top Volunteers and Supporters!

Do you know someone who devotes countless hours to build or maintain the North Country National Scenic Trail? Someone who goes above and beyond to promote the Trail? Then nominate him/her for a North Country Trail Association Award. These awards will be presented on behalf of the NCTA Board of Directors at the 2012 Annual Conference in Dayton, OH this August.

Vanguard: A **legislator or other public official** whose leadership, actions and advocacy have substantially benefited the Trail.

Trailblazer: A **business or foundation** for far-sighted vision and support, demonstrated by significant contributions to the Trail or the NCTA.

Lifetime Achievement: An individual, in recognition of **more than a decade** of true dedication, exceptional service and outstanding contributions towards the dream of the Trail. Service may be performed in a voluntary or paid capacity.

Distinguished Service: An individual, in recognition of exceptional volunteer service in furthering the goals of the NCTA, and outstanding contributions toward the dream of the Trail. Individual should have made a **significant commitment and accomplishments over three or more years**.

Trail Builder of the Year: A volunteer, whose work in **Trail construction, planning, or negotiations** have resulted in the development of outstanding new trail or facilities over the past year.

Trail Maintainer of the Year: A volunteer, who has demonstrated exceptional dedication or achievements over the past year in **maintaining or restoring pre-existing Trail** segment(s).

Leadership: A volunteer, who has demonstrated exceptional leadership **leading to significant local achievements** or highly successful events.

Outreach: A volunteer, whose efforts to **build coalitions, partnerships or other forms of local support** have contributed significantly to the ongoing success of the Trail.

Communicator of the Year: A volunteer, for exemplary work in **promoting the Trail or the NCTA** through a communications medium (newsletter, web site, brochure, etc.) or personal contacts.

Rising Star: A volunteer **between the ages of 8 and 18**, who has made significant contributions to the Trail, and whose dedication to the Trail and the NCTA sets an example to other youths and shows exceptional promise.

Sweep: A volunteer, for tireless work and achievements **behind the scenes** on behalf of the Trail or the NCTA.

Friend of the Trail: An **employee of a unit of governance or an organization** whose leadership, accommodations and active collaboration have substantially benefited the North Country Trail.

Outstanding Private Landowner: A **private landowner** whose leadership, accommodation and active collaboration have substantially benefited the North Country Trail.

Blue Blazes Benefactor: An individual or household demonstrating vision and **generosity through significant monetary or in-kind contribution(s)** to the North Country Trail or the NCTA

Complete the attached form and write a one to two page statement of your reason for nominating this person. If you have nominated this person in the past and they did not receive the award, please try again. Send nominations to North Country Trail Association, Attn: Awards Committee, 229 E. Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331 or e-mail to jdecator@northcountrytrail.org, please put "awards nomination" in the subject line. Go to <http://northcountrytrail.org/members/awards> to download a copy of this form or to complete a nomination online.

Lastly, each chapter or affiliate should select one member for their 2012 Chapter/Affiliate Honor Award but **please do NOT do this until after the 2012 Annual Conference**. The honoree should be an individual or household who demonstrates loyalty, commitment and hard work annually to the local organization's chosen activities. These Awards will NOT be part of the 2012 NCTA Awards announced at the Annual Conference, but instead chosen in early September by each chapter/affiliate and awarded at a local event. A reminder will be sent to chapter/affiliate leaders after the Annual Conference. Contact Lorana Jinkerson, nct@northcountrytrail.org for more information.

2012 NCTA Annual Awards Nomination Form

Chapter/Affiliate Name: _____

Award Nominated for: _____

Nominee Name: _____

Nominee Address: _____

Nominee City: _____

Nominee State: _____

Nominee Zip: _____

Nominee Phone: _____

Nominee e-mail: _____

Your Name: _____

Your Address: _____

Your City: _____

Your State: _____

Your Zip: _____

Your Phone: _____

Your e-mail: _____

Write a one to two page statement that explains the reason why this person should receive this particular award. Be sure to give us enough detail so we can compare nominees.