

NCTA Award Policies

Awards Committee Authority:

The Awards Committee may edit award descriptions for clarity and consistency, but the NCTA Board of Directors must approve changes to the types of awards, number of awards in each category, or edits that change the basic qualifications for an award.

Once-in-a-Lifetime:

Every award is a once-in-a-lifetime award for a recipient.

Awardee Selection:

NCTA national office staff shall begin soliciting nominations for all awards, except Honor Awards, approximately 7 months before the National Celebration. The nomination deadline shall be approximately 4 months before the Annual Celebration. Honor Award nominations shall be solicited soon after the Annual Celebration.

Each Chapter and Affiliate may select one Honor Award recipient each year, except that if a Chapter or Affiliate manages more than 200 miles of the NCNST, they may select one Honor Award recipient for every 100 miles of the NCNST that the Chapter or Affiliate maintains. This selection is guaranteed.

Nominations for all other awards shall be submitted to the NCTA national office on a nomination form available on the NCTA Website and will be reviewed by the NCTA Awards Committee and that Committee shall make final selections.

The number of Awards in each category shall be limited as shown in the Award Descriptions.

The NCTA Awards Committee may move a nomination from one Award category to another category that fits the nominee's qualifications. Such a move may be appropriate when a nominee better fits a different category or when there are more worthy recipients in a category than award slots available, but a nominee also fits the criteria for a different award. Such a move may enable more people to receive awards.

For NCTA volunteers, Lifetime Achievement is the highest Award and Distinguished Service is the second highest Award. There is no hierarchy among other awards for NCTA volunteers.

Recipients of the Lifetime Achievement Award may not receive any other NCTA Volunteer Awards in the future.

Recipients of the Distinguished Service Award may later be eligible for Lifetime Achievement, but may not receive any other NCTA Volunteer Awards in the future.

Recipients of the Lifetime Achievement and Distinguished Service Awards may later be eligible for non-volunteer Awards, including: Blue Blazes Benefactor, Vanguard, Friend of the Trail, Trailblazer, and Outstanding Private Landowner.

Award Presentation:

Award recipients shall be notified about their Award within about one month after the selection process.

Honor Awards shall be sent to their respective nominators for presentation to their recipients at a Chapter or other public event.

All other Awards shall be presented to recipients at the NCTA Annual Celebration. If recipients are not present at the Awards Ceremony, a Chapter member may pick up their award or it will be sent to the appropriate nominator for later presentation at a Chapter or other public event.