

# 2021 DEFENDERS CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

## APPLICATION FORM — DEADLINE: MARCH 15, 2022



*Defenders of Soil, Air, Woods, Waters and Wildlife*

APPLICATION FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2021                      DATE COMPLETED \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

CHAPTER NAME \_\_\_\_\_                      DIVISION AND CHAPTER NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

NAME AND TITLE OF CHAPTER OFFICER \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_                      DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

This Izaak Walton League of America award program – the **Defenders Chapter Achievement Award** – annually recognizes a Chapter’s overall local efforts during each previous year. Each applying IWLA Chapter needs to meet criteria in at least five (5) of the following six (6) categories during the same year to attain this annual award designation. Categories address **membership, contribution, education, conservation, youth involvement** and **communication**. Each Chapter will be required to resubmit an application annually for ongoing recognition of their accomplishments.

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Complete application for the **previous year’s** activities of the Chapter. **Submit (postmarked) no later than March 15.**
- Where applicable, check off the appropriate boxes (under criteria). Type or clearly print the requested information.
- Supporting documentation is accepted and encouraged.
- Send the National Office the completed copy. Make a photocopy of this form before sending for your Chapter’s records.
- Send your application to:

**Izaak Walton League of America**  
**Chapter Relations Department**  
**707 Conservation Lane**  
**Gaithersburg, MD 20878-2983**  
**Email: [awards@iwla.org](mailto:awards@iwla.org) – Or – Fax: (301) 548-0146**

Awards recognition for the preceding year’s accomplishments will be presented at the annual IWLA National Convention. Also, the chapters will be listed in a post-Convention issue of “Outdoor America.” An engraved wood plaque, with brass year plates added for year of completion, will be presented to each deserving Chapter as part of a formal recognition at a mutually scheduled Chapter meeting. The presentation will be made by either a volunteer League leader such as your Chapter’s assigned National Director liaison, or when possible, by an IWLA National Office staff member.

**AWARD CATEGORIES:**

**Our Chapter confirms that we have met the criteria in at least five of the following six award categories:**

- 1. Membership – Offered all four available membership types at the Chapter level: Individual, Family, Student, and Youth.**

Please indicate offered memberships by completing total dues amount charged by your Chapter. **Include national and state (if applicable) dues in each of these totals:**

- Yes, for the calendar year 2021, our Chapter offered all of the following four (4) membership types at the following rates:            \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Individual            \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Family            \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Student            \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Youth

- 2. Contribution – Made a minimum \$100 donation to either the Izaak Walton League Trust, an Izaak Walton League Division, an appeal from the IWLA National Office, or some other IWLA Conservation Program. – Or – Made a contribution to IWLA Endowment. NOTE: Cannot include submission of National/Division membership dues.**

Please check off the specific beneficiary of your donation(s), along with the donated amount and the date submitted:

- Izaak Walton League Trust — \$ \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_
- Izaak Walton League Division (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_ — \$ \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_
- IWLA National Office Appeal — \$ \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_
- IWLA Century Society Partner Pledge – Or – Partners in Outdoor America’s Future Pledge — \$ \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_
- Other IWLA Conservation Program (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_ — \$ \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ – Or –
- Izaak Walton League of America Endowment — \$ \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_

**3. Education – Offered or provided a scholarship to a local college-bound student who intends to study conservation – Or – environmental-related major. –Or– Made a contribution to a multiple chapter or division-sponsored scholarship fund. –Or– Made a contribution to IWLA National Conservation Scholarship Fund (minimum \$100).**

Please indicate the student’s name, intended major, accepted university, and financial amount received:  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \$ \_\_\_\_\_ . – Or –

Check if your Chapter contributed to a multiple chapter or division-sponsored scholarship fund. Indicate amount, date submitted, and scholarship’s name. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_/\_\_/\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ Scholarship. – Or –

Check if your Chapter contributed to the IWLA National Conservation Scholarship program. Indicate amount and date submitted. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_/\_\_/\_\_ .

**4. Conservation – Completed a Chapter on-the-ground conservation project in keeping with the goals of a national program such as, but not limited to, Soil, Air, Woods, Waters, Wildlife, Energy, or Agriculture.**

Specify  Soil,  Air,  Woods (Forestry),  Waters,  Wildlife,  Energy,  Agriculture–  
 Other conservation project (i.e., outdoor ethics, conservation education, or wildlife habitat restoration, etc.)

Please give a brief description of your project (s) and completed goals and accomplishments: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Related COVID-19 issues (If applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

**5. Youth Involvement – Established and maintained an organized youth entity within the existing Chapter structure. – Or – Provided financial or volunteer support for a conservation education event for either a Chapter’s youth group (i.e., Uncle Ikes, Young Ikes, T’Ikes, or FAN Club), a community-based youth organization (i.e., Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4-H, Future Farmers of America) or another conservation group’s youth program (i.e., National Wild Turkey Federation’s J.A.K.E.S., Ducks Unlimited’s Greenwings, National Rifle Association’s Youth Hunter Education Challenge). – Or – Provided a contribution to IWLA National Youth Convention (minimum \$100).**

Chapter’s Youth Entity’s Name \_\_\_\_\_ and number of young participants \_\_\_\_ . – Or –

Other Youth Involvement/Event/Activity (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
Please give a brief description of your youth project and completed accomplishments: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_. – Or –

Check if your Chapter contributed to the IWLA National Youth Convention. Indicate amount and date submitted.  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Related COVID-19 issues (If applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

**6. Communication – Printed and distributed a Chapter newsletter (with copies regularly sent to National Office). – Or – Maintained a website and/or social media presence (Facebook). – Or – Sponsored at least six “Outdoor America” magazine subscriptions to school, university, or public libraries.**

Newsletter title \_\_\_\_\_ Editor’s name \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of printings per year \_\_\_\_\_  Check if it is an electronic newsletter sent via email.

Check to confirm that the IWLA National Office is on your Chapter’s mailing list. – Or –

Website and/or Facebook URL \_\_\_\_\_ Webmaster’s name \_\_\_\_\_ – Or –

Check to confirm that your Chapter sponsored at least six “Outdoor America” magazine subscriptions. List local school, university, or public libraries: \_\_\_\_\_

Added information is requested to help the National Office staff learn more about your chapter’s many successful projects and activities. In order to generate quality press releases on your award, please feel free to attach any additional detailed documentation (such as photos, or news clippings) to this form. Including supporting material with background information would be helpful, but is not required.