

2023 DEFENDERS CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

APPLICATION FORM — DEADLINE: MARCH 15, 2024



Defenders of Soil, Air, Woods, Waters and Wildlife

APPLICATION FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2023	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 – 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 **2023**, our Chapter offered all of the following four (4) membership types at the following rates:
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| \$ _____ Individual | \$ _____ Family | \$ _____ Student | \$ _____ Youth |
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- 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: _____

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: _____

Check if your Chapter contributed to the IWLA National Youth Convention. Indicate amount and date submitted.

\$ ____ on ____ / ____ / ____

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.