



Michigan Chapter

2025 AWARDS PROGRAM NOMINATION FORM

PERSON, ORGANIZATION, OR FIRM BEING NOMINATED FOR AN AWARD:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

*PERSON MAKING THE NOMINATION:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

IS THE INDIVIDUAL, ORGANIZATION, OR FIRM BEING NOMINATED A CURRENT MEMBER OF THE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION SOCIETY ? [☐]Yes [☐]No [☐]Not Sure

CATEGORY OF AWARD FOR WHICH THE NOMINATION IS MADE:

- [☐] **Outstanding Service:** Recognizes distinguished service to the Michigan Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society by a Chapter member over a long and sustained period. (10 years minimum) Recipient may also be nominated for the Outstanding Service Award presented by the International Society.
- [☐] **Commendation:** Recognizes Chapter members for commendable service to the Michigan Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society. Recipient may also be nominated for the Commendation Award presented by the International Society if this service also contributes to the Society.
- [☐] **Honor:** Recognizes people for outstanding accomplishments compatible with the mission of the Soil and Water Conservation Society. Recipient may also be nominated for the Society's Honor Award. Need not be a member of the Michigan Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society or the International Society. The nominee's activity shall have been of a voluntary nature and not part of their normal working duties.
- [☐] **Merit:** Recognizes an outstanding activity, product, or service by a group, business firm, corporation, or organization that promotes the conservation of soil, water, and related natural resources. Need not be a member of the Michigan Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society or the International Society. Recipient may also be nominated for the Merit Award presented by the International Society.
- [☐] **Conservationist of the Year:** Recognizes a Conservationist, either professional or volunteer, for outstanding effort and achievement in any field of natural resource management, or for significant contributions to the cause of conservation. Need not be a member of the Michigan Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society or the International Society. The nominee must have undertaken conservation efforts over a number of years that have shown long term benefits for the natural environment and society.
- [☐] **News/Media:** Recognizes an individual, group or organization for the outstanding promotion of natural resource issues in the news/media. (Use this Award category if your proposed award nomination does not fit any of the first 4 categories.) Need not be a member of the Soil and Water Conservation Society.
- [☐] **Education:** Awarded to an individual, group, agency, etc. for their contribution to the conservation education of adults and/or youth.(Use this Award category if your proposed award nomination does not fit any of the first 4 categories.) Need not be a member of the Soil and Water Conservation Society.

Note: Nominees may be recommended for more than one award. See the Awards Program Guide for additional eligibility criteria.

Please provide support and background information about the nominee that includes accomplishments, contributions, etc. Feel free to attach any information about the nominee. Include a specific concise statement of what action, product, accomplishment, contribution, or event that the nominee should be recognized for and the time of its occurrence.

SUPPORT AND BACKGROUND DOCUMENTATION: (If more space is needed, add a second sheet.)

PLEASE E-MAIL THIS FORM AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION BY DECEMBER 31, 2025, TO:

Sarah Ehinger, Chair, Awards Committee
Michigan Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society

E-mail: svandelfzijl@gmail.com

For assistance, questions, etc. contact Sarah or [Daniel F. Kesselring](#), Secretary, Michigan Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society.

***Note: Award nominations should be submitted by a Michigan Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society member. Non-members can assist with nominations, but the nomination form should be submitted by a Michigan Chapter SWCS member.**