

2009 FOREST STEWARDSHIP AWARD NOMINATION FORM



The National Hardwood Lumber Association established the Forest Stewardship Award to promote responsible stewardship of hardwood forests, recognize excellence in the utilization of hardwood forest resources and inform the hardwood community of good forestry practices. The Forest Stewardship Award is awarded annually to the NHLA member firm that most exemplifies excellence in forest stewardship.

ELIGIBILITY

All Active, Associate and Sustaining members of NHLA, regardless of whether they own or lease timberlands, are eligible for the Forest Stewardship Award.

CRITERIA

NHLA member firms contribute to forest stewardship in many ways. Nominees' involvement and activities in five areas of forest stewardship will be considered in selecting the Forest Stewardship Award recipient:

- Public education about forest stewardship
- Political involvement to benefit forest stewardship legislation
- Promotion of forest stewardship to private forestland owners
- Forest management practices if employed on company owned lands (if applicable)
- Mill/business activities which maximize utilization of the resource

Nominations will be judged by a panel of industry leaders and academic experts in forest stewardship.

NOMINATION

Anyone can nominate an NHLA member for the Forest Stewardship Award, including a representative of the company being nominated. All nominations must be made on this official Forest Stewardship Award nomination form, but may be accompanied by additional relevant material. Please send at least six copies of any material that is not easily photocopied.

SELECTION OF FINALISTS

Selection of the finalists for the Forest Stewardship Award will be made based on the information provided on this nomination form. Please be as thorough as possible when completing this form. Additional information may be collected from the finalists prior to the panel review and selection of the Forest Stewardship Award recipient. Please include relevant supporting materials and give consideration to the design and presentation of supporting materials.

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS

All nominations for the Forest Stewardship Award must be received by Monday, **August 31, 2009**. Late nominations will not be considered.

AWARD PRESENTATION

The Forest Stewardship Award will be presented at the 2009 NHLA Annual Convention & Exhibit Showcase in Boston, September 30–October 3. Award finalists will also be recognized during the award ceremony and included in NHLA press releases and promotional materials.

QUESTIONS

Contact Tom Walthousen at 901-377-9846 or t.walthousen@nhla.com. Submit completed nomination form and accompanying materials to:

NHLA | Attn: Tom Walthousen
PO Box 34518 | Memphis, TN 38184-0518
901-377-9847 (fax)

NHLA MEMBER FIRM FOR NOMINATION: _____

Contact within nominated firm: _____

Mailing address: _____

Daytime phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____ Web: _____

Person making the nomination: _____

Company/Affiliation: _____

Street/PO Box: _____

City, State/Prov.: _____

Daytime phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____ Web: _____

Relationship to nominee (i.e., president, employee, associate, etc.): _____



INSTRUCTIONS:

For each of the next six sections regarding the forest stewardship activities of the nominated company, type or print clearly the responses (1) directly in the space provided or (2) attach up to one additional page (one side) for each response. Label all attached pages clearly with the name of the nominated company and the section to which the response refers.

Section 1. Describe any local, regional, national or international programs the nominated firm has conducted or participated in recently to educate the public and their local communities about forestry, forest stewardship and/or the forest products industry. Possible items include giving talks to local schools, supporting national forestry education programs (i.e., Project Learning Tree, Truth about Trees, etc.) providing stewardship training to company or contract loggers, etc.

Section 2. Describe any programs or efforts to educate non-industrial private forestland owners about forest management and forest stewardship. Include involvement in state/provincial, regional or international forestry associations in this section.

Section 3. Describe the nominated firm's political involvement or efforts to affect local, state/provincial, or national legislation which benefit forest stewardship (e.g. legislation which provides landowner incentives for good forest stewardship; legislation to reform estate tax structures; etc.). Include in this section efforts to educate legislators about forestry, forest stewardship and the forest products industry.

Section 4. If the nominated firm owns, leases or manages timberlands, describe the company's forest management program and how it contributes to good forest stewardship. Include examples of specific management and harvesting practices and any other information which demonstrates a commitment to forest stewardship.

Section 5. Describe any mill/business activities which contribute to good forest stewardship by maximizing the utilization and value of the forest resource. Examples may include utilizing high-yield production equipment and manufacturing/marketing products from residues.

Section 6. Please provide any additional information not contained in the previous five sections which further demonstrates the nominated company's commitment to forest stewardship. Please remember that all information may be presented in whatever format you consider appropriate and supporting materials may be included. Presentation of materials is considered.

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