



## 2016 Washington State Trails Coalition Trails Awards Program

The Washington State Trails Coalition is pleased to announce the introduction of the Washington State Trails Awards Program. These biennial awards will recognize the efforts and achievements of exceptional individuals, organizations, and land managers who are working to make the trails of Washington State the best in the nation.

Winners will be presented at the 11th biennial Trails Conference Reception, The REACH Museum, Richland, WA on October 14, 2016.

Important application information:

- For the Trail Leader and Youth Advocacy Award, nominations must be for performance during the period January 2014 through June 30, 2016 and the written narrative must clearly indicate dates of performance.
- Nominations must be received by WSTC by July 31, 2016.
- One award category per nomination and only one nomination per submission.
- Self-nominations are accepted.
- The WSTC Board of Directors shall have sole authority in determination of award recipients.

### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION**

1. Complete the Nomination Form below.
2. Include a Microsoft Word file, 750 word maximum with no graphics, which clearly presents the exceptional values of the individual or organization for which the nomination is submitted. This narrative should align with the criteria for the appropriate category.
3. Provide two or three high resolution digital photos directly related to the award category and suitable for enlargement (1MB or higher each, 300 dpi minimum).
4. Submit your nomination with all materials electronically to [proposals@washingtonstatetrailscoalition.org](mailto:proposals@washingtonstatetrailscoalition.org), only one nomination per email. If you wish to submit more than one nomination please send each in separate emails. If materials exceed 10MB provide a link for downloading the files as larger emails may be rejected by servers.

## **AWARD CATEGORIES**

**Lifetime Service Award:** This award will honor an individual who has demonstrated longstanding and exceptional service to the trails of Washington State and their users. Areas of impact could include advocacy, planning, community engagement, construction / maintenance, and education.

**Trail Leader Award:** Honors an individual, organization, or land manager that has had the most significant and positive contribution to any aspect of Washington trails over the past two years.

**Youth Advocacy Award:** This award honors an individual, organization, or government entity that has performed exceptional community service for Washington youth through access to trails with a direct and specific benefit to youth, fostering youth stewardship, or the use of trails by youth. This service could include youth oriented trail projects, outdoor adventures, education, volunteer trail work, and more.

**Outstanding Trail Award:** The award recognizes a trail project which has demonstrated at least some of the following during the past five years: exceptional planning, design, and implementation, public participation, creative funding, verified economic impact, outstanding user experience, and benefit to the local community. Applications will be accepted from any individual, organization, or government entity involved with, or directly impacted by, the trail.



# 2016 Washington State Trails Coalition Award Nomination Form

**Nominations must be received by July 31, 2016**

## **Award Category (SELECT ONE ONLY)**

<input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime Service Award
<input type="checkbox"/> Trail Leader Award
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Advocacy Award
<input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding Trail Award

## **Nominee**

Nominee Name (person or organization):		
Contact Name (if different):	Title:	
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Email:	Phone:	
Website:		

## **Nominated By**

Name:	Title:	
Representing (optional):		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Email:	Phone:	
Website:		

## **Submission Checklist**

<input type="checkbox"/> Award Nomination Form (this sheet)	<input type="checkbox"/> Nomination Narrative in MS Word file
<input type="checkbox"/> Photo 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Photo 2
<input type="checkbox"/> Photo 3	