

Texas Section Society for Range Management Outstanding Contribution to Rangeland Management Award

A candidate for Outstanding Contribution to Rangeland Management must meet the following criteria:

1. The candidate must be actively engaged in ranching or livestock farming or in the professional fields dealing with range management, which may be teaching, research, advice and counseling, technical assistance, or information, such as magazines, newspapers, radio and TV, or be a business man vitally interested in the betterment of the field of Range Management.
2. The candidate must be a recognized leader, one that is accepted over at least a large segment of the State, if not statewide, as being a progressive, enterprising person ever looking ahead to improvement of range management.
3. The candidate must be interested in the promotion and advancement of the art and science of range management, and preferably, though not required, a member of the Texas Section Society for Range Management.
 - If the candidate is a rancher or livestock farmer, he must be practicing an outstanding range and livestock management program on his individual unit, should be a cooperator with his soil conservation district, a supporter of 4-H and FFA Programs, active in livestock associations, and otherwise showing his interest in the development and improvement of range management.
 - If the candidate is a businessman or a representative of business, he should display unselfish interest and activity towards the advancement and improvement of range management. He should be actively engaged in and giving support to the various programs and organizations dedicated to range management.
4. This final criterion must be given high priority in selection of a candidate and award winner. The candidate must have made a contribution to the advancement of the art and science of range management that is worthy of special recognition. It may have been made during the past year, or a previous year, but the contribution must still be recognized for its merit. Such contribution may consist of a new and better method of doing something in the range management or treatment field, an outstanding research project that has been significant in its result, and outstanding article, publication, or information activity that has been widely acclaimed, development and application of an outstanding treatment and management program on an operating unit, unusual leadership in either ranching or professional field or range conservation and management. These are examples, but not all, of the outstanding contributions that may be considered for an award.
5. Each recipient of the Outstanding Contribution to Rangeland Management Award shall receive a suitably worded plaque at the Annual Meeting.

NOMINATIONS DUE TO COMMITTEE CHAIR JUNE 1ST.

Texas Section Society for Range Management FELLOW AWARD

The title of Fellow is conferred upon members of the TSSRM in recognition of exceptional service to the Section and its programs in advancing the science and art of range-related resource management. This high honor is granted in belief that special recognition should be given for exceptional and dedicated service to the Texas Section (adopted October 11, 1989).

Selection Criteria

1. The primary criterion for selection of a recipient for this award is tangible evidence that the exceptional service performed by the nominee is widely effective and generally recognized throughout the Texas Section.
2. Sufficient evidence must support the nomination to present a strong case history of continuous contribution and service.
3. Membership in the Texas Section for at least ten consecutive years and evidence of significant participation in, and contribution to, progress of the Texas Section during this period is required.

Awards Presentation

1. No more than one Texas Section member will receive the Fellow Award in any one year. It shall not be mandatory that a Fellow Award be presented each year.
2. Each recipient of the Fellow Award will receive a suitable worded plaque at the annual meeting.

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OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Outstanding Achievement Award is presented by the TSSRM for outstanding achievement to members and other qualified individuals and groups working with rangelands.

Selection Criteria

1. The primary requisite for this award is tangible evidence that the professional contribution of the nominee is eminently note-worthy. Emphasis should be given to acknowledge currently recognized eminence.
2. The qualifying reputation of the recipient must be at least state-wide in scope.
3. Both individuals and groups working as a team are eligible for the Outstanding Achievement Award. Only one member of the team or group must be a member.
4. Qualifying contributions may be, but are not necessarily limited to: technical assistance, management practices, research, extension, administration, teaching, writing, legislation, foreign affairs, business activities, or public relations. Among those to be considered are ranchers, technicians and administrators in land management agencies who have conducted superior rangeland management practices; scientists who have developed and conducted research leading to the solution of major problems in range and related resource management; university professors who have been especially effective in training range management students; extension specialists who have motivated ranchers and others on a wide scale to adapt superior resource management practices; and persons who have shown outstanding perception and legislative ability in contributing significantly to resource management at a state, national, or international level.

Award Presentation

1. The number of awards presented annually shall be limited to a total of 4 individuals and/or teams.
 - Additionally, the awards will be presented as follows: ½ to land stewardship and ½ to academia/research. In the event that not enough eligible nominees are submitted in either stewardship or academia/research, then the remaining awards may be made available to eligible nominees in the other category.
2. Each recipient of the Outstanding Achievement Award will receive an embossed, suitably worded certificate and a citation.

NOMINATIONS DUE TO COMMITTEE CHAIR AUGUST 15TH.

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OUTSTANDING YOUNG RANGE PROFESSIONAL AWARD

The Outstanding Young Range Professional Award is presented by the TSSRM to an individual member who has demonstrated extraordinary potential and promise as a range management professional. This award is presented as an encouragement for outstanding performance by young men and women entering the profession of range management.

Selection Criteria

1. The primary criterion for this award is tangible evidence that the nominee's accomplishments demonstrate extraordinary potential and promise as a future leader in the range profession.
2. Demonstration of leadership and professional potential may be in all facets of range management, including ranch management, agency employment, research, and education. Generally, demonstrated potential across a broad perspective is better than specialized attainments in a single area.
3. A nominee's participation in the Society activities, particularly at the Section level, is desirable. Membership in the Society is required.
4. The nominee shall have not reached his or her 39th birthday by January 1st of the year the award is to be conferred; e.g., if the recipient was to receive the award at the 1996 annual meeting, that person could not have reached his/her 39th birthday prior to January 1, 1996.
5. A recipient of this award shall not be eligible to receive this award again.

Award Presentation

1. Only one (1) Outstanding Young Professional Award shall be presented in any given year.
2. Each recipient of this award shall receive an embossed, suitably worded certificate and citation.

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SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS

The Special Recognition Award is to provide the TSSRM an opportunity to occasionally recognize certain individuals for the outstanding contributions they have made to the general field of range management. This is not an annual award nor is it limited to a set number of awards in any one year. Any individual is eligible for nomination.

Selection Criteria:

1. Nominations must be submitted to Awards Committee.
2. The BOD will make the final decision on those nominee(s) recommended by the Awards Committee.
3. Nominations for the current year must be received by the Awards Committee Chair no later than June 1st.
4. The Awards Committee will present its recommendation(s) in closed session to the Board at the Summer Business Meeting.

Award Presentation:

1. Each recipient of this award shall receive an embossed, suitably worded certificate and citation.

NOMINATIONS DUE TO COMMITTEE CHAIR AUGUST 15TH.

Texas Section Society for Range Management
ACCEPTABLE NOMINATION FORMAT
FOR AWARDS

Award Nomination for:

- Fellow *(due June 1st)*
- Special Recognition Award *(due June 1st)*
- Outstanding Contribution to Rangeland Management *(due Aug 15th)*
- Outstanding Achievement *(due Aug 15th)*
- Outstanding Young Range Professional *(due Aug 15th)*

The nomination packet is limited to a maximum of five (5) typewritten pages.

- **Name and Address and SRM Membership Status:**
- **Education:**
- **Work Experience:**
- **Recent Activities - Civic or Others:**
- **Membership and significant activities in (other?) Professional Societies:**
- **Society for Range Management Activities:**
- **Awards and other recognition received:**
- **Major Contribution to Rangeland Management or Section:**

In addition to the above, the Special Recognition Award requires the following:

- 1 Ranching experience, if applicable to range management, accomplishments made on the land.
- 2 Activities with FFA, 4-H, SWCD, and livestock or wildlife associations.
- 3 Other interest and support to various programs and organizations directly or indirectly promoting range management.
- 4 List, define, and explain the nominee's contribution to rangeland management and clearly identify why these accomplishments qualify the nominee for special recognition.