



Call for Applications Kentucky 2013



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Leopold Conservation Award

In his influential book, *A Sand County Almanac*, Aldo Leopold called for an ethical relationship between people and the land they own and manage. The development of a land ethic was, he wrote, “an evolutionary possibility and an ecological necessity.” A land ethic is alive and well today in the thousands of American farmers, ranchers, and foresters who do well by their land and do well for their land.

Sand County Foundation proudly presents its Leopold Conservation Award to a private landowner who exemplifies the spirit of a land ethic — an individual or a family committed to enhancing the natural resources that are in their care.

In Kentucky, Sand County Foundation presents the Leopold Conservation Award in partnership with the Kentucky Agricultural Council. The Leopold Conservation Award winner receives an Aldo Leopold crystal and a check for \$10,000.

Leopold Conservation Awards recognize extraordinary achievement in voluntary conservation, inspire other landowners through their example, and help the general public understand the vital role private landowners can and do play in conservation success.

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Criteria

Landowners are key producers of conservation. Private citizens who have responsibility for land possess the capacity, the aptitude, and the desire to improve natural habitats. We believe that giving the people closest to the land improved tools to heal and better manage working ecosystems will result in the most durable conservation results.

The Leopold Conservation Award Review Panel will be evaluating properties based on responsible and sustainable land management, economics, innovation, overall land health, and community outreach and leadership.

Applications

If you, or someone you know, is a Kentucky landowner who is committed to land management practices that increase conservation, we invite your application for the Leopold Conservation Award.

Please provide the following information:

- Name, Address, Contact information (phone and e-mail address, if available) of the landowner
- Name, Address, Contact information of the nominator (if different).

Please answer each of the following questions, based on the criteria of the award. **Each answer must be clearly numbered and limited to 1,000 words. Answers must be typed on 8 1/2 x 11 inch paper (standard size). Please paper clip or binder clip your answer document, so they may be easily copied for the panel.**

1. **Responsible Management:** Describe the applicant's approach to land and resource management and how it may have changed over the years.
2. **Sustainable Revenues:** Describe how the applicant is generating additional revenue or lowering production costs in ways that help achieve long-term sustainability and conservation outcomes.
3. **Leadership:** Describe any significant achievements the applicant has made within the agricultural community in Kentucky.
4. **Overall Land Health:** Describe specific conservation efforts that contributed to improved land health.
5. **Innovation:** Describe any innovative techniques that the applicant has used to improve natural resources on their land.
6. **Outreach:** Describe any efforts where the applicant has shared their management techniques with others inside and outside of agriculture (examples: research, educational and media tours, et cetera).
7. Describe any other factors the review panel should take into consideration.
8. Provide at least three letters of recommendation.

With your application, we encourage you to include supporting materials such as news articles, photos, maps, or any resources that would assist the panel in reviewing your application. **Please do not send DVD's or video clips. If you would like the application materials returned to you, please indicate this in your application.**

All materials must be mailed to:
Leopold Conservation Award
c/o Kentucky Agricultural Council
P.O. Box 5478
Louisville, Kentucky 40255-0478

kyagcouncil.net

 **Application Deadline: July 31, 2013**

For further information, please see the Leopold Conservation Award website:

www.leopoldconservationaward.org



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