

ABOUT THE AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

The Friends of Our Urban Forest Awards program recognizes achievements of organizations and individuals in their efforts to manage, promote, educate, and advocate for urban forests in their communities. Please consider submitting an application for an outstanding professional, outstanding tree advocate or advocacy group, outstanding project, outstanding urban forestry program, outstanding utility or outstanding tree ordinance. We all want to learn about the outstanding urban forestry being done in your community.



AWARD CATEGORIES

OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONAL

Recognition of a professional individual for his or her contribution to urban forestry activities and arboricultural practices. Nominees include municipal foresters, private arborists, utility arborists, growers, and educators.

OUTSTANDING TREE ADVOCATE OR TREE ADVOCACY GROUP

Recognition of an individual or organization in organizing, motivating and/or stimulating urban forestry activities, landscape beautification, tree plantings, tree maintenance, tree preservation and /or public tree education programs within the community. Examples of nominees include community leaders, elected officials, exceptional volunteers, local nonprofit organizer, tree boards, beautification committees, tree advocate groups, garden clubs, youth groups, and homeowner associations.

OUTSTANDING PROJECT

Recognition of a residential, commercial or public project that demonstrates tree preservation, tree planting, tree maintenance, or environmentally-sound planning or design. Nominees should come from local governments, developers, landscape architects, engineers, architects, planners, builders, arborists, and landscape contractors.

OUTSTANDING URBAN FORESTRY PROGRAM

Recognition of an individual, local government, boards or committees, youth groups, or homeowner associations who have demonstrated and organized urban forestry programs or activities within their community. These activities may include providing public education, establishing quality design and implementation of maintenance practices, tree planting, and tree preservation. Unique partnerships and citizen involvement are a component to instilling quality and meaningful community understanding of the urban forest. Consideration is given to community population and those currently active in the Tree City USA program.

OUTSTANDING TREE ORDINANCE

Recognition of an outstanding tree ordinance designed to regulate various aspects of tree planting, removal, and maintenance on public or private properties. Ordinances should promote the protection, preservation and enhancement of an urban forest or community trees and the environmental, social and economic benefits trees provide. Examples of nominees include municipalities, counties, military bases, school campuses—both public and private, and homeowner associations.

OUTSTANDING UTILITY

Recognition of an outstanding utility that demonstrates best practices of utility arboriculture. Utility should promote the value of vegetation management when enhancing the quality of utility service and urban and peri-urban tree canopies. Utility should demonstrate strong attributes in safety, quality tree care, integrated vegetation management (IVM), storm preparation and response, communications, and public education. Consideration is given to those currently active in the Tree Line USA® program.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Recognition of an individual for their career-long distinguished service and dedication to the advancement of Urban Forestry.



**Deadline for Submission:
November 15, 2025**

- OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONAL
- OUTSTANDING TREE ADVOCATE OR TREE ADVOCACY GROUP
- OUTSTANDING PROJECT
- OUTSTANDING URBAN FORESTRY PROGRAM
- OUTSTANDING TREE ORDINANCE
- OUTSTANDING UTILITY
- LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

CATEGORIES

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- Nomination can be your own work, the work of your organization or the work of another.
- You may download an application or apply online at <https://fufc.org/awards-information/>.
- Deadline for entry is **Friday, November 14, 2025**.
- The completed awards entry form must be the first page of the application. The second page of the application should be a 200-word overview of the nomination. Following the brief overview should be a summary of not more than three typewritten pages that describe the project's, program's, ordinance's, or individual's contribution to urban and community forestry as outlined in the Award Categories.
- Support documentation such as photographs, press clippings, printed pieces, and letters of commendation are encouraged, but shall be limited to 12 additional pages.
- If mailing, please submit the original typed application, one full copy and the three digital photos to:

Friends of Our Urban Forest Awards Program
Florida Urban Forestry Council
200 2nd Ave. South #130
St. Petersburg, FL 33701-4313

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Please note: The Awards Committee reserves the right to reassign the entry to another category if deemed appropriate. For questions or additional entry forms, please contact the Florida Urban Forestry Council at info@fufc.org.



NAME OF ENTRY, INDIVIDUAL OR PROJECT

NAME OF CONTACT PERSON FOR THE ENTRY

COMPANY/AGENCY

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

PHONE

FAX

E-MAIL

NOMINATED BY (IF DIFFERENT)

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AWARD CATEGORY (please check one):

- Outstanding Professional
- Outstanding Tree Advocate or Tree Advocacy Group
- Outstanding Project
- Outstanding Tree Ordinance
- Outstanding Urban Forestry Program
- Outstanding Utility
- Lifetime Achievement Award

SEND ALL NOMINATIONS TO:

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