

FOREST RESOURCES ASSOCIATION  
2025 SOUTHEASTERN REGION OUTSTANDING LOGGER AWARD  
PROGRAM GUIDELINES



SEPTEMBER 4, 2024 deadline to submit Southeastern Region nominations

Please Submit Regional Nominations to: FRA Southwide Region

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**National level**

December 31, 2024. Selection in early 2025 and National Award presented at FRA's 2025 National Annual Meeting.

**JUDGING NOMINATIONS:****State level**

Responsibility of appropriate state forestry/logging/landowner association.

**Regional level**

Candidates narrowed on paper by FRA Regional Steering Committee vote. Final two candidates judged by on-the-ground inspection visit by a three-person team of FRA staff/members.

**National level**

Judged on paper by special National Outstanding Logger Judging Committee.

**AWARD PRIZES:****State level**

Responsibility of appropriate state forestry/logging/ landowner association.

**Regional level**

Engraved plaque, \$500 cash prize, and STIHL chain saw gift certificate (compliments of STIHL Incorporated), complimentary registration for finalist (and spouse) at Southeastern Region 2025 Spring Meeting; one year complimentary FRA Supplier Membership.

**National Level**

Engraved plaque, \$1,000 cash prize (donated by FRA Associate Member STIHL), and complimentary registration for national winner (and spouse) at FRA's 2025 National Annual Meeting.

## **FRA OUTSTANDING LOGGER AWARD GUIDELINES**

The following five sections of the nomination form, which request forest management, timber harvesting, business management, safety, and other information, should be answered in narrative form. The statements and questions listed under each section are designed to help you cover important information about the nominee in each area. All questions need not be covered, and the questions are by no means all-inclusive.

### **SAFETY INFORMATION:**

- Nominee establishes and enforces harvesting and transportation safety standards/regulations/practices...and personally adheres to them?
- Nominee and employees use personal protective equipment?
- Nominee provides safety training for employees?
- Describe safety features or modifications on harvesting/transportation equipment.
- Nominee has developed unique approaches to safety (i.e. bonus for number of hours of safe work, etc.).
- Other safety information?

### **FOREST MANAGEMENT INFORMATION:**

- Nominee knows and follows AF&PA's Sustainable Forestry Guidelines.
- List types of harvest (clearcut, selection, thinning, etc.) performed by nominee.
- Describe how nominee plans, constructs, and retires landings and road systems.
- Nominee follows forest management plans?
- Nominee carries out soil erosion protection measures?
- Nominee has developed some unique approaches to forest management with landowners?
- Other forest management information?

### **TIMBER HARVESTING INFORMATION:**

- Describe nominee's major harvesting and transportation equipment mix.
- Scheduled maintenance program?
- Appearance of equipment?
- Nominee's utilization standards?
- Nominee practices top and slash disposal?
- Nominee concerned with aesthetics of timber harvesting?
- Nominee cleans up landings at job completion?

- Nominee leaves buffer strips?
- Nominee adheres to local timber harvesting ordinances/regulations?
- Nominee has harvested timber from certified Tree Farms?
- Other timber harvesting information?

#### BUSINESS MANAGEMENT INFORMATION:

- List number and job titles of nominee's employees.
- Describe types of insurance (Workers Comp, health, retirement, liability, life, hazard) which nominee carries for operation, employees, or himself.
- Describe relationship between nominee and local business community.
- Nominee uses written contracts when purchasing or cutting and hauling timber?
- Describe nominee's payroll and bookkeeping system.
- Other business management information?

#### OTHER INFORMATION:

- Nominee's previous awards?
- Does nominee maintain any community or association memberships? Has he/she ever served on any committees, held offices, or been active in other programs?
- Does nominee have any family involvement in the business?
- Describe nominee's ability to work cooperatively with landowners, foresters, general public, other loggers, press, etc.
- Nominee distributes literature (forest management, association membership, safety, etc.)?
- Describe how nominee handles referrals for forest management assistance.
- Describe any presentations on logging/harvesting made by nominee.
- List or describe any news articles, press coverage, etc. on logging/timber harvesting by nominee.
- Does nominee participate in Log A Load For Kids campaign or other charitable fund-raising activities?
- Other?

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**OUTSTANDING LOGGER AWARD**  
**NOMINATION FORM**

**NOMINEE:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**GENERAL INFORMATION:**

- Nominee purchases approximately \_\_\_\_\_ percent of timber harvested under contract directly with landowners.
- List approximate number of purchasers of nominee's products: \_\_\_\_\_
- List approximate percent of wood fiber harvested annually from:

Government Lands: \_\_\_\_\_%

Annual Production

Industry Lands: \_\_\_\_\_%

Sawtimber \_\_\_\_\_ MBF

Private Non-industry Lands: \_\_\_\_\_%

Pulpwood \_\_\_\_\_ Tons

Other: \_\_\_\_\_%

Other \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL: 100%

**SPONSORED BY:**

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