

Teddy Roosevelt Maine Conservation Award

Application Details

Application details are provided on the Maine Woods Forever website. Please visit <http://mainewoodsforever.org/teddy-roosevelt-maine-conservation-award/> to read and download additional material.

Qualifications for the award:

- Must involve activities within Maine
- **Individual Applicants:** Must be age 10 through High School (applicants older than 18 are acceptable if still attending High School)
- **Youth Organization Applicants:** Youth organizations whose conservation projects primarily involve youths of these ages. **Note:** Nomination and recommendation letters must relate directly to the organization, or a program sponsored by the organization, rather than for individual adult leaders.

Application Material

Individual applicants are welcome to nominate themselves. In those cases, the terms “Nominee” and “Applicant” are considered the same. All nominations must include the following information:

- Nominee:
 - Full name of the nominee – individual youth, or organization
 - Mailing address of the nominee - street, city, state, zip code
 - Phone number and e-mail address of the individual nominee, or organization contact person.
 - Age of the nominee (individuals) or ages of focus if a youth organization
- Nominating person or organization (if other than the actual nominee):
 - Full name of the nominating person or organization
 - Mailing address - street, city, state, zip code
 - Phone number and e-mail address
 - Please include letter on official school or organization letterhead if possible
- References (name of a school official, teacher or organization representative who can verify the individual nominee’s accomplishments):
 - Reference’s full name
 - Mailing address - street, city, state, zip code
 - Phone number and e-mail address
 - Reference letters should be on official school or organization letterhead
- A written essay, or written essay and video, summarizing the nominee's merits and adherence to the criteria of the award. Up to 500 words
- Essay and any supporting documentation should include details on how the Nominee/Applicant meets the award criteria. Letters of support from other individuals or groups are advisable. It shall be the responsibility of the individuals or organization making the nomination to provide proper documentation. Nominations without proper documentation may not be considered

- The Essay and supporting documentation might elaborate on any of the following:
 - How the nominee’s work promotes the values and appreciation for Maine’s woods and forests
 - Whether the nominee has made a significant contribution toward conserving Maine forests and woodlands
 - How the nominee fostered or supported a conservation organization or foundation seeking to conserve large tracts of land and the indigenous wildlife
 - How the nominee’s efforts helped educate the general public about the value of conserving Maine’s forested areas
 - How the nominee form or fostered alliances between conservation organizations
 - The nominee’s leadership in inspiring others to replicate their works
 - Significant efforts the nominee has made to share his/her conservation ethics and techniques with others
 - Whether the nominee's efforts been completed themselves or with the help of others
 - If the nominee had assistance, did the nominee take a leadership role?
 - Is the nominee's effort a novel, innovative, or newly applied approach to conservation?
 - Has the nominee been recognized for their conservation efforts prior to applying?
 - Has the nominee overcome a challenge in order to be successful?
 - Did the nominee's efforts result in other youth getting into the Maine woods?
 - Did the nominee's efforts teach other youth about the Maine woods?
 - Did the nominee's effort result in a one-time impact or is it longer lasting?

Application Process:

- Deadline for Nominations: January 31, 2018
- Only one nominee per submission
- Nominations will be accepted by e-mail (trmcaward@mainewoodsforever.org) along with a MS Word, rtf, pdf or text (.txt) attachment
- Letters of support for nominations may be included in the nomination. We will also accept them directly from the nominator by e-mail (trmcaward@mainewoodsforever.org). Please be certain that the nominee’s name is included
- Nominations must be received by January 31, 2018
- Nominations will be reviewed by the Maine Woods Forever Review Committee
- Awards will be announced in April 2018
- **Award Presentations:** Awards will be presented in April 2018. Awardees will be invited to receive the award in person, and will be provided a brief moment to acknowledge the award and comment on their activities. Organizations should ideally identify one or more youth representatives who could accept the award on behalf of the organization, and comment on what their involvement meant to them.

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How to Submit Nominations

Submit material by email to: TRMCAward@mainewoodsforever.org. For questions, please send an email to John Rust at: TRMCAward@mainewoodsforever.org.