



AIANEA 2009 AWARD CATEGORIES

1. Leadership/Visionary:

This Award recognizes the accomplishments and the ability to motivate and empower the membership of the Association to participate and get involved. This Award recognizes the ability to provide a clear vision of the future of the Association and provides the guidance for instituting the foundation for continued growth and expansion of the Association. Only one award will be given.

2. Award of Excellence

Natural Resources Conservation:

This Award is designed to recognize individuals who have contributed over and above the call of duty to the profession of Natural Resources Conservation. This Award rewards individuals who exemplify excellence in a particular discipline and, possibly, in a multi-disciplinary effort that has resulted in positive effects in NRCS and the Indian Community. The recipient should also demonstrate active participation in the Association. Only one award will be given.

AI/AN Community Outreach:

This Award is designed to recognize individuals who have passionately contributed to include Indian Communities in NRCS programs. The Award recognizes the creativity and program design strategies used to successfully involve American Indian/Alaska Native clients.

Conservation Education:

This award is given to an individual who has contributed to the development of a successful conservation education program that has shown to develop a high level of awareness of natural resource conservation among the Indian Communities. This award recognizes the uniqueness and creativity of educating Indian Communities about natural resource conservation

3. Outstanding Member Award:

This Award is the highest recognition given by the members, themselves, to another member. The purpose of the award is to recognize overall professionalism and leadership qualities of the individual. It also recognizes the individual's ability to be successful in the workplace.

4. Mentoring Award:

This award is given to an individual who has contributed significantly to being available to mentor NRCS employees. This award recognizes the voluntary commitment to council and guides others to progress and develop their career in natural resource management.

5. Recognition Award:

This award is to recognize our members who consistently do a great job at their own expense of time for the good of the association. This award can go to any one of our members, whether they work really hard on one aspect of a committee or whether they organize an entire conference. If their supervisor is also supportive of their work, the supervisor will be given recognition at the same time. There is no limit to the number of awards in this category that can be given out in any year and members can be nominated by anyone.