The Virginia Museum of Natural History Foundation invites nominations for its 31st Annual Thomas Jefferson Awards: Matthew Fontaine Maury Distinguished Service Award. This award will be presented to an individual or organization for significant conservation efforts in Virginia. The award will be presented during a special ceremony on Thursday, February 15, 2018 at the Library of Virginia in Richmond.

**Award Criteria**

- Nominees must be an individual or corporation which has provided significant conservation efforts in Virginia.
- Nominees must be a Virginian or Virginia Corporation

**Nominations**

*The letter of nomination should provide the following:*

- Full description of the outstanding contributions to natural science for which the person is being nominated
- The nominee’s full name, title, home and work addresses, telephone numbers and e-mail address
- Name, address, phone number, e-mail address, and signature of the person making the nomination
- Letters of support from individuals other than person making nomination

Materials that document the nominee’s accomplishments can also be submitted but are not required. This normally includes a resume, newspaper articles, and other materials that support the nomination. We can only accept materials that can be readily photocopied for distribution to the selection committee. No materials will be returned. Contact Charlotte Harter at 276-634-4162 or charlotte.harter@vmnh.virginia.gov for additional information. Send the complete nomination package to:

Thomas Jefferson Awards Selection Committee
Virginia Museum of Natural History Foundation
21 Starling
Martinsville, VA 24112

**Nominations must be received no later than December 5, 2017.**

The Virginia Museum of Natural History Foundation’s Thomas Jefferson Awards were established in 1987 to honor individuals, associates, and corporations who have made significant contributions to the natural sciences in Virginia. The awards are named for Virginians, by birth or adoption, who have established traditions of excellence in the world of science and who have brought recognition and prestige to the Commonwealth.