

## **Matthew Fontaine Maury Distinguished Service Award**

The Virginia Museum of Natural History Foundation invites nominations for its 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Thomas Jefferson Awards/Matthew Fontaine Maury Distinguished Service Award. This award will be given to an individual or organization which has provided exemplary service in the development of the Virginia Museum of Natural History. The award will be presented during a special ceremony on February 9, 2012 in Richmond.

### **Award Criteria**

- Nominees must be an individual or corporation which has provided exemplary service in the development of the Virginia Museum of Natural History.
- 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](mailto: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 1, 2011.**

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.