

Thomas Jefferson Medal for Outstanding Contributions to Natural Science Education

The Virginia Museum of Natural History Foundation invites nominations for its 24th Annual Thomas Jefferson Medal for Outstanding Contributions to Natural Science. This award will be given to a Virginia educator who has made significant contributions to natural history, environmental science, or science education at any academic level. The award will be presented during a special ceremony on April 22, 2011 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Virginia Museum of Natural History at 21 Starling Avenue in Martinsville.

Award Criteria

- Nominees must be individuals who have consistently made outstanding contributions to natural history, environmental and science education in either the formal or non-formal sectors. Preference will be given to those whose accomplishments have an obvious connection with natural history.
- Nominees must exemplify the best educational practices and stand as models worthy of emulation by others.
- Nominees must be Virginia educators.

Nominations

The letter of nomination should provide the following:

- Full description of the outstanding contributions to natural science education 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 Debbie Lewis at 276-634-4161 or debbie.lewis@vmnh.virginia.gov for additional information.

Send the complete nomination package to:

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

Nominations must be received no later than February 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.