

# Thomas Jefferson Medal for Outstanding Contributions to Natural Science Education

The Virginia Museum of Natural History Foundation invites nominations for the Thomas Jefferson Medal for Outstanding Contributions to Natural Science Education. This award, part of the VMNH Foundation Thomas Jefferson Awards, will be given to a Virginia educator who has made significant contributions to natural history or natural science education at any academic level.

## Award Criteria

- Nominees must be Virginia educators at any academic level who have consistently made outstanding contributions to natural history or natural science education in either the formal or informal sectors.
- Nominees must exemplify the best educational practices and stand as models worthy of emulation by others.

## 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 Charlotte Harter at [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 Avenue  
Martinsville, VA 24112

***Nominations must be received no later than November 10, 2023.***

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.