



HABITAT STEWARD OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Habitat Steward of the Year Award recognizes a South Dakota landowner who provides an outstanding example of pheasant habitat development and conservation while promoting awareness to sustain South Dakota's strong outdoor heritage of pheasant hunting for current and future generations.

MISSION:

To be advocates of habitat stewardship, collaborate with community partners, and be conservation leaders to benefit all of South Dakota.

VISION:

To have restored and enhanced pheasant habitat development and provided awareness to the importance of sustaining South Dakota's strong outdoor heritage of pheasant hunting for future generations.

CRITERIA

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THE HABITAT STEWARD OF THE YEAR AWARD CANDIDATES MUST REPRESENT THE FOLLOWING:

- » Be a South Dakota landowner demonstrating good stewardship of the land
- » Preference given to nominees enrolled in the Second Century Working Lands Habitat Program, Every Acre Counts Program or a similar habitat conservation program signifying a long-term commitment to habitat sustainability
 - **MANAGEMENT OF RESOURCES:** The recipient should be knowledgeable of the natural resources that they manage with a long-term plan to be put in place.
 - **STEWARDSHIP & REVENUE:** Landowners that have a great desire to improve habitat quality and farming practices that would benefit our natural resources. With better farming practices it would help improve their bottom-line revenue.
 - **LEADERS IN THEIR COMMUNITY:** Landowners that are involved in their community and that would be willing to teach their ideas and practices to our youth as to what conservation management can do to provide better management of our soil, lakes, and streams.
 - **NEW IDEAS:** Landowners that are willing to be innovative to try different practices to improve soil health and transform marginal farmland to successful habitat seed plots
 - **TEACHING SKILLS:** The recipient should be willing to share their skills to help others and pass along their successes and mistakes. Should be willing to have a tour to show how their skills are improving soil health. Be able to show that proper habitat and conservation practices will improve sustainability for our wildlife.
 - **HUNTING ROLE MODELS:** Serve as role model to others to promote and provide public hunting access such as enrollment in the SD GFP Walk-in Area Program
- » In 2020 a call for nominations will be announced on Habitat Day (September 4) at the South Dakota State Fair
- » The winner will be announced and recognized at the 2021 South Dakota State Fair on the dedicated Habitat Day.

Mail nominations to Second Century Habitat Fund 4130 Adventure Trail, Rapid City, SD 57702 or email to Lisa.Weyer@state.sd.us by April 30, 2021.

THE WINNER WILL RECEIVE A MONETARY AWARD TO MAKE HABITAT DEVELOPMENT IMPROVEMENTS TO THEIR LAND.