

Nebraska Arborists Association Awards

The Nebraska Arborists Association presents awards in recognition of outstanding individuals who have made significant impact due to their commitment to arboriculture, tree planting, safety, and education.

Awards are presented during a ceremony held each year during the Nebraska GREAT PLAINS Conference.

All nominations must be submitted by **November 8, 2023**. Once a nomination has been received, the Awards Committee will contact the nominee and request additional information.

Lifetime Achievement Award

This is the highest honor granted by NAA. This award recognizes an outstanding individual's service to the Association in advancing the principles, ethics, and practice of arboriculture in Nebraska. The NAA Lifetime Achievement Award is not given every year.

Eligibility

- NAA membership is not required, but preferred
- Individual's work is done within the State of Nebraska

Criteria

- Recognition of life's work over a significant period of time
- Great personal commitment to arboriculture, safety, tree planting and care
- Ability to engage others in arboriculture, safety, volunteerism, tree planting and care
- Large and or significant contributions to arboriculture, tree planting, environment, safety, education or research
- Engages professionals throughout the green industry
- Unique or extraordinary contributions and commitment with regards to arboriculture, safety, education, leadership or research
- Recognized role model to others within Nebraska

Arborist of the Year Award

This award recognizes an outstanding arborist who has had a positive impact on the Association due to their strong commitment to arboriculture and tree care in Nebraska.

Eligibility

- Only NAA members are eligible
- Principle work is done within the State of Nebraska
- Must be a member for minimum of 5 years

Criteria

- Personal commitment to advance arboriculture, safety, tree planting and care
- Large and or significant contributions to the advancement of safety, skills and science
- Shows outstanding personal commitment over their career for the betterment of the Nebraska Arborists Association
- Engages people to participate in volunteer activities within the industry or their local community including arboriculture, safety, education, tree planting and care
- Recognition for their leadership, volunteerism and great service to the association

Educator of the Year Award

This award recognized the important role that teaching & education plays in enhancing the quality and professionalism of the Association's members.

Eligibility

- Principle work is preferred within the State of Nebraska, but not required
- Open to all educators that teach arboriculture, safety and tree care

Criteria

- Personal commitment to teaching arboriculture education, science, safety and skills
- Ability to engage others in arboriculture education, science, safety and skills
- Large and or significant contributions to advancement of training, education or research
- Unique contribution and commitment to Association's educational goals
- Collaborating with other educators & scientists across the industry
- Innovative education programming that successfully engages Association members