
2026 Conservationist of the Year Overview



**COLORADO
WILDLIFE COUNCIL**

TIMING

Application Opening: January 26, 2026

Application Deadline: March 31, 2026

Council award scoring and decision: April CWC Meeting

Winner Announcement and Award: May 2026

GOALS OF AWARD

Measure of success: Increase applicants by 50%

Audience building and recognition: Grow name recognition with individuals in the outdoor industry who specialize in hunting and angling education.

Celebrate: Recognize the contributions of Colorado conservationists and the impact they have on our wildlife



APPLICATION

Simplified application for 2026 will be available on cowildlifecouncil.org

Who should apply? Individuals, groups, and organizations dedicated to preserving Colorado's natural resources, promoting sustainability, and educating the public about the benefits of hunting and fishing.

Applicants can self-nominate or be nominated by a peer.



HELP GET THE WORD OUT

This award celebrates local Colorado conservationists making a difference right here in our state.

A Media Packet will be emailed out to Council members. Please share with your networks via email, social media or in-person. Leverage your networks!

[Full marketing_plan:](#)



AWARD CEREMONY

- Discussion of options

THANK YOU!
