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2024 NOMINATION PACKET

AWARDS

HONORING OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR NATIONAL PARKS

Celebrating Excellence: A Guide to Our Awards Program



*A Legacy of Excellence:
Awards for Exceptional Contributions
to National Parks.*

For over three decades, Western National Parks Association (WNPA) has celebrated exceptional service to our national parks through its awards program. The *Emil W. Haury Lifetime Achievement Award* honors individuals whose scholarly research in national parks and monuments has made a significant and lasting impact. The *Edward B. Danson Award* recognizes those who have shown outstanding support for WNPA and national parks, reflecting the dedication of Edward B. Danson to preserving and promoting the Southwest's heritage. The *Stewart L. Udall Award* salutes those who enhance park interpretation, broaden public engagement or foster widespread support for parks continuing the legacy of Stewart L. Udall's pioneering efforts in environmental advocacy.

We invite you to learn more about each award and the nomination process. Each award represents a unique opportunity to acknowledge those who have made remarkable contributions to the preservation and interpretation of our national parks. Detailed descriptions and eligibility criteria for each award are provided to guide your nominations and help us recognize the outstanding individuals who have dedicated their efforts to advancing our mission.

To learn more, visit [WNPA | Awards, Grants, and Scholarships](#), or meet our [Past Honorees](#).

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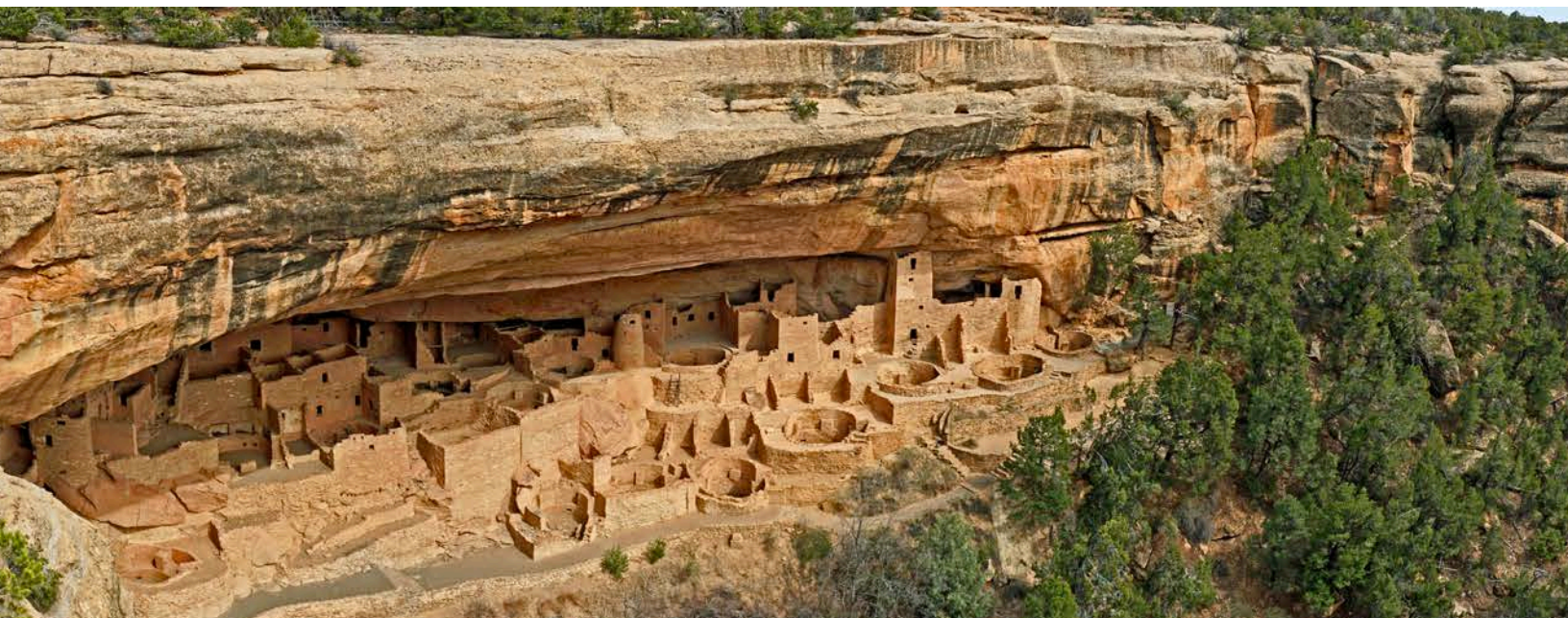
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Award Offerings_____

Nominees may be honored with one of three distinguished awards.

Emil W. Haury Lifetime Achievement Award



honors individuals who have made a significant and lasting contribution to scholarly research in the national parks and monuments over the course of a career or lifetime. Haury, a preeminent archaeologist and anthropologist, devoted his career to chronicling the prehistory of the Southwest, compiling the most complete cultural history of any region in North America. He is most famous for his work at Snaketown, a Hohokam site in Arizona. Haury was the first to claim that the Hohokam were descendants of the Paleoindian Cochise culture. In 1938, he was instrumental in founding the Southwest Monuments Association, renamed Western National Parks Association in 2002. A member of the National Academy of Sciences and the National Park System Advisory Board, Haury died in Tucson, Arizona, in 1992.

ELIGIBILITY

Individuals who have demonstrated a continuous commitment and contribution to scholarly research in national parks and monuments leading to measurable, long-term, and noteworthy impact with sustained results over a career or lifetime are eligible to nominate.

Nominees must have displayed a clear personal commitment to the management, preservation, and interpretation of national parks and monuments and to turning research findings into relevant, engaging narratives that both inform and engage the public. The nominee's contribution should be substantial enough to have influenced a particular field by sharing new research findings, new interpretations, or new theoretical analysis to advance a society's knowledge or understanding of the subject.

The Emil W. Haury Award is a one-time lifetime achievement award.

REQUIREMENTS

The nominee's body of work is

- Deemed exceptional in scholarly research over the course of a career or lifetime.
- Significant in its unique or innovative findings, theoretical constructs, inclusive mentorship, educational approaches, or practices and/or has made exceptional practical application(s) of others' research.
- Represented by a single highly significant book, or a minimum of five publications as primary author in refereed academic journals, or a minimum of eight publications as a secondary author in refereed academic journals, or significant contributions as a presenter at professional conferences, or any combination thereof.

SAMPLE NOMINATION FORM — EMIL W. HAURY LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The information outlined below is a guideline. All nominations must be submitted electronically—[WNPA | Awards](#). The information supplied is limited to the space provided and submitted on the electronic form. Nominations received in any other format will not be accepted.

When submitting your nomination, keep in mind this lifetime achievement award recognizes contributions over the whole of a career or lifetime, rather than or in addition to single contributions.

TELL US ABOUT YOUR NOMINEE

Nominee Name and Contact Information

1. Name
2. Title
3. Group/company/organization name
4. Address, city, state, zip | Phone, email, website

PRESENT YOUR NOMINEE

1. Identify whether the nominee is currently engaged in scholarly research or retired. [Response up to 100 words.](#)
2. Describe the nominee's body of work over their entire career or lifetime. [Response up to 500 words.](#)
3. Outline the long-term impact of the nominee's body of work, which has measurable, sustainable, and lasting results. [Response up to 500 words.](#)
4. Uploads are optional.
 - a. Nominee's curriculum vitae (CV, course of life) or resume summarizing the nominee's body of work. Although this is optional, it is highly recommended.
 - File must be a PDF.
 - Before uploading, name the file as follows relative to the uploaded document: nominee's firstname.lastname.cv or nominee's firstname.lastname.resume.
Example: john.smith.cv or john.smith.resume
 - a. One PDF file with all documents that support your nomination, not to exceed five pages.
 - File must be a PDF.
 - Before uploading, name the file as follows: nominee's firstname.lastname.haury.
Example: john.smith.haury

NOMINATOR

Submitter Name and Contact Information

1. Name
2. Title
3. Group/company/organization name
4. Phone, email

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THIS AWARD?

Select all that apply: WNPA website, National Park Service, WNPA staff, Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, WNPA email, Repeat nominator, State/National print or digital article, Other.

Edward B. Danson Award



celebrates individuals who display exceptional support for WNPA and national parks. Danson, a noted archeologist, made Arizona his home in 1937 and discovered his passion for anthropology there. As director of the Museum of Northern Arizona in Flagstaff, he helped reveal the past, reshape the future of the West and preserve the grandeur of the Southwest and the legacy of the first peoples of Arizona. He served on the WNPA board of directors and the National Park System Advisory Board and received the Department of Interior Conservation Award in 1986. Danson, who was father of actor Ted Danson, died in 2000 in Sedona, Arizona, at the age of 84.

ELIGIBILITY

Current and former National Park Service staff, educators, researchers, and others who display exceptional support for WNPA and national parks are eligible to nominate.

SAMPLE NOMINATION FORM — EDWARD B. DANSON AWARD

The information outlined below is a guideline. All nominations must be submitted electronically—[WNPA | Awards](#). The information supplied is limited to the space provided and submitted on the electronic form. Nominations received in any other format will not be accepted.

TELL US ABOUT YOUR NOMINEE

Nominee Name and Contact Information

1. Name
2. Title
3. Group/company/organization name
4. Address, city, state, zip | Phone, email, website

PRESENT YOUR NOMINEE

1. Provide specific details that best illustrate the achievements of your nominee. [Response up to 750 words.](#)
2. Uploads are optional.
 - a. Nominee's curriculum vitae (CV, course of life) or resume summarizing the nominee's body of work. Although this is optional, it is highly recommended.
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Example: john.smith.cv or john.smith.resume
 - a. One PDF file with all documents that support your nomination, not to exceed five pages.
 - File must be a PDF.
 - Before uploading, name the file as follows: nominee's firstname.lastname.danson.
Example: john.smith.danson

NOMINATOR

Submitter Name and Contact Information

1. Name
2. Title
3. Group/company/organization name
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HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THIS AWARD?

Select all that apply: WNPA website, National Park Service, WNPA staff, Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, WNPA email, Repeat nominator, State/National print or digital article, Other.

Stewart L. Udall Award



salutes those who work to boost park interpretation programs, carry the park message to popular audiences, or rally broad public support for parks. Udall, a pioneer of the modern environmental movement, was a member of the United States House of Representatives from Arizona’s 2nd district from 1954 to 1961, and secretary of the interior from 1961 to 1969 under presidents John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson. Under his leadership, the Interior Department aggressively promoted an expansion of federal public lands, adding four national parks, six national monuments, eight national seashores and lakeshores, nine national recreation areas, twenty national historic sites, and fifty-six national wildlife refuges. A former WNP board member from 1984 to 1994, Udall died in 2010 in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

ELIGIBILITY

Authors, poets, artists, photographers, writers, publishers, and others who are inspirational conservationists are eligible to nominate.

SAMPLE NOMINATION FORM — STEWART L. UDALL AWARD

The information outlined below is a guideline. All nominations must be submitted electronically—[WNPA | Awards](#). The information supplied is limited to the space provided and submitted on the electronic form. Nominations received in any other format will not be accepted.

TELL US ABOUT YOUR NOMINEE

Nominee Name and Contact Information

1. Name
2. Title
3. Group/company/organization name
4. Address, city, state, zip | Phone, email, website

PRESENT YOUR NOMINEE

1. Provide specific details that best illustrate the achievements of your nominee. [Response up to 750 words](#).
2. Uploads are optional.
 - a. Nominee’s curriculum vitae (CV, course of life) or resume summarizing the nominee’s body of work. Although this is optional, it is highly recommended.
 - File must be a PDF.
 - Before uploading, name the file as follows relative to the uploaded document: nominee’s firstname.lastname.cv or nominee’s firstname.lastname.resume.
Example: john.smith.cv or john.smith.resume
 - b. One PDF file with all documents that support your nomination, not to exceed five pages.
 - File must be a PDF.
 - Before uploading, name the file as follows: nominee’s firstname.lastname.udall.
Example: john.smith.udall

NOMINATOR

Submitter Name and Contact Information

1. Name
2. Title
3. Group/company/organization name
4. Phone, email

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THIS AWARD?

Select all that apply: WNPA website, National Park Service, WNPA staff, Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, WNPA email, Repeat nominator, State/National print or digital article, Other.

General Information

Selection and Notification

- Criteria for this program has been established by Western National Parks Association.
- Submissions will be reviewed and scored by a committee comprising WNPA board members and/or the WNPA executive leadership team.
- Recipients will be notified the week of February 10, 2025.

WNPA fully supports diversity, equality, and inclusion. The selection process respects all individuals and ensures equal opportunity for all nominees.

Submissions

- All nominations must be completed through the WNPA web portal.
[WNPA | Awards](#)
 - To properly prepare your submissions, refer to the sample nomination form included under each award description.
 - The information supplied is limited to the space provided and submitted on the electronic form.
 - Nominations received in any other format will not be accepted.
 - If you do not have access to a computer and would like to submit a nomination, contact the Program Administrator.
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Timeline

- Submissions open on October 1, 2024.
 - Deadline for submissions is December 31, 2024, end of day.
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Program Administrator

Please address questions regarding this program to Julie Tainter, business support manager, via email at julie.tainter@wnpa.org.

Learn More About

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OUR MISSION

In partnership with the National Park Service (NPS) since 1938, Western National Parks Association (WNPA) advances education, interpretation, research, and community engagement to ensure national parks are increasingly valued by all.

OUR COMMITMENT

National parks tell the story of America, and WNPA helps share that story. By uncovering the diversity of the landscapes' natural beauty, culture, and heritage, WNPA remains committed to discovery—new knowledge, new understanding, and new ways to engage with humanity.

OUR ROLE

As a nonprofit education partner of the NPS, WNPA supports more than 70 parks across the West, developing products, services, and programs that enrich the visitor experience, understanding, and appreciation of national parks.

The most visible expression of this mission is the operation of park stores in national park visitor centers, with many of the offerings developed and published by WNPA. Each store is unique, presenting products that give guests a tangible and enduring connection to the park's unique themes and diverse purposes—its majestic scenery, biodiversity, fascinating natural and cultural history, and stories of struggle, triumph, and justice. Visitors find a variety of educational materials, from trail and field guides to in-depth academic studies, along with authentic arts and crafts, collectible park logo items, and even food products that connect with the park's diverse cultures, communities, and ecosystems. Young guests can discover children's books, educational toys, and popular Junior Ranger merchandise. Award-winning books and products extend visitors' experiences far beyond their time in the park.



Visitors at The National Parks Store enjoy the White Sands National Park book launch with author Susan Lamb.

The National Parks Store in Tucson, Arizona, offers a variety of educational programs. Past topics include Native basketry, flute making, pottery techniques, and Navajo rug weaving, with attendance exceeding five thousand people annually. The premiere community event of the year is the sponsorship of The National Park Experience Pavilion at the Tucson Festival of Books. The Pavilion provides the opportunity for 20 national parks from the western United States to connect with more than 140,000 festival attendees, bringing national parks to the people and the diverse communities they serve.



Two children interacting with a park ranger at The National Park Experience Pavilion at the Tucson Festival of Books in Tucson, Arizona.

Along with educational programming, WNPA provides direct financial aid to the national parks, supporting cultural, historical, and educational activities developed by park rangers. These activities enhance visitor experiences, create opportunities to inclusively connect with youth, and engage diverse local communities. Thousands of events have been funded, including an international youth Indigenous cultural exchange, living history demonstrations and encampments, several cultural festivals, Junior Ranger camps, art exhibitions, and archaeological and geographical surveys.

Historically, WNPA has funded a broad range of research projects, all of which help advance the management, preservation, and interpretation of our national parks. Supporting research is more than just a way to amplify the efforts of National Park Service partners; it is a means to help reveal and share the important stories parks hold to advance equity, diversity, inclusivity, and justice for all park visitors and their communities.

To learn more about Western National Parks Association, visit www.wnpa.org.

Partner Parks

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ARIZONA

Canyon de Chelly National Monument
Casa Grande Ruins National Monument
Chiricahua National Monument
Coronado National Memorial
Fort Bowie National Historic Site
Hubbell Trading Post National Historic Site
Montezuma Castle National Monument
Navajo National Monument
Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument
Saguaro National Park
Sunset Crater Volcano National Monument
The National Parks Store
Tonto National Monument
Tumacácori National Historical Park
Tuzigoot National Monument
Walnut Canyon National Monument
Wupatki National Monument

CALIFORNIA

Channel Islands National Park
Eugene O'Neill National Historic Site
John Muir National Historic Site
Mojave National Preserve
Pinnacles National Park
Port Chicago Naval Magazine National Memorial
San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park
Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area
Whiskeytown National Recreation Area

COLORADO

Bent's Old Fort National Historic Site
Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park
Curecanti National Recreation Area
Great Sand Dunes National Park & Preserve
Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site

KANSAS

Brown v. Board of Education National Historical Park
Fort Larned National Historic Site
Fort Scott National Historic Site
Nicodemus National Historic Site

MONTANA & WYOMING

Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area
Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument

NEVADA

Great Basin National Park
Lake Mead National Recreation Area
Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument



NEW MEXICO

Aztec Ruins National Monument
Bandelier National Monument
Capulin Volcano National Monument
Carlsbad Caverns National Park
Chaco Culture National Historical Park
El Malpais National Monument
El Morro National Monument
Fort Union National Monument
Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument
Pecos National Historical Park
Petroglyph National Monument
Salinas Pueblo Missions National Monument
White Sands National Park

OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma Chickasaw National Recreation Area
Washita Battlefield National Historic Site

TEXAS

Texas Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument
Big Thicket National Preserve
Chamizal National Memorial
Fort Davis National Historic Site
Guadalupe Mountains National Park
Lake Meredith National Recreation Area
Lyndon B Johnson National Historical Park
Park Padre Island National Seashore
Palo Alto Battlefield National Historical Park
San Antonio Missions National Historical Park

UTAH

Golden Spike National Historical Park
Timpanogos Cave National Monument

TRAILS

Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail
Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail
Santa Fe National Historic Trail
Trail of Tears National Historic Trail

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