



Logger Merit Award 2020 Nomination Form

The purpose of the Logger Merit Award is to recognize and honor *outstanding* logger performance in the Commonwealth. Logger Merit Award recipients represent the “best-of-the-best,” and must exemplify the highest professional standards, as they serve as effective positive public role models for the entire logging industry. Please thoughtfully consider this important responsibility before submitting a nomination.

One or more nominees will be chosen as the 2020 Logger Merit Award recipient(s) and will be recognized at the 2020 Virginia Forestry Summit on Thursday, April 30, 2020, at the Virginia Forestry Summit at the Hotel Madison in Harrisonburg, VA.

General Eligibility Requirements

(Required for all nominees)

1. All nominees must be a currently certified Virginia SHARP Logger. Can you attest that this nominee meets this requirement? YES _____ NO _____
2. All nominees must adhere consistently to Virginia’s Forestry Best Management Practices (BMPs) for water quality protection. Can you attest that this nominee meets this requirement? YES _____ NO _____
3. All nominees must consistently emphasize safety in their operations, as evidenced by the required use of personal protective equipment and a strong safety program. Can you attest that this nominee meets this requirement? YES _____ NO _____
4. The Logger Merit Award recipient must be a member of the Virginia Forestry Association. Is the nominee a VFA member? YES _____ NO _____
If not, is he willing to join VFA? YES _____ NO _____
5. Will the nominee be able to attend the 2020 Virginia Forestry Summit on the evening of April 30, 2020, in Harrisonburg, VA? YES _____ NO _____

Logger’s Name _____

Business Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Name to be printed on certificate: _____

Nominator: Name _____
Signature _____
Title _____
Company or Agency _____
Address _____
Telephone _____ Fax _____
Email _____
Briefly describe how you are familiar with the nominee's logging operation: _____

General Information

- Geographic Working Area: _____
- Nominee thins _____ %, select cuts _____ %, clearcuts _____ % of time.
- Average weekly production: _____ loads / tons (circle unit).
- List approximate percentage of timber harvested annually from:
Government Lands: _____ %; Industry Lands: _____ %;
Private Non-industrial Land: _____ %; Other: _____ %

Nomination Information

1. Describe the logger's background and experience.
2. Describe the logger's operation, including equipment spread, number of employees, and harvest strategy.
3. Describe the loggers' participation in community activities, forestry organizations, logger organizations, etc.
4. Attachments such as letters of support from customers or others familiar with the logger's operation, newspaper or magazine articles about the logger, BMP reports, etc. are encouraged, but not required.

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Please return this form by March 1, 2020, to VFA, 3808 Augusta Ave, Richmond, VA 23230.