



SRM Outstanding Achievement: Commitment to Community Engagement Award

Purpose

The SRM Commitment to Community Engagement Award is awarded to an individual or group who actively promotes and enhances diversity and inclusion in the rangeland profession and across communities. The recipient contributes to and advances the mission and vision of SRM through sustained efforts to engage and improve opportunities for the broad communities who care for rangelands.

One Award may be given per year at the SRM Annual Conference, where the recipient will receive an honorary plaque.

Award Eligibility, Submission & Evaluation

This award is open to individuals or groups who are actively involved in the rangeland profession or community. **Nominees DO NOT need to be current members of SRM to be eligible.** Nominees will be evaluated according to the criteria below. Please send your nomination form via email to SRM Headquarters (office@rangelands.org) **by June 1st.**

Award Criteria

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- Contributions to recruitment and mentorship of diverse SRM members, ranchers, rangeland professionals, management technicians, and/or pre-professionals from a breadth of different backgrounds.
 - Ex. 1: Supports a broad pool of mentees in SRM or the broader rangeland community
 - Ex. 2: Receives exceptional evaluations from a broad range of mentees who have directly benefited from the nominee's teaching/mentoring
 - Ex. 3: Evidence of professional success among mentees in the rangeland profession
- Supports innovative rangeland activities and program development focused on engagement, recruitment, and retention of underrepresented communities.
 - Ex. 1: Develops effective training programs for rangeland professionals from all backgrounds
 - Ex. 2: Leads education camps or workshops that serve underrepresented views and communities
 - Ex. 3: Serves with, or leads, organizational groups dedicated to the advancement of diversity and inclusion in rangeland management (external to SRM)
- Advances diversity and inclusion through research, scholarship, and/or outreach efforts centered on rangelands.
 - Ex. 1: Publishes articles and reports to SRM affiliate journals or other outlets related to the inclusion of varied perspectives on the study, conservation, and management of the world's rangelands.



Ex. 2: Creates media to be shared through various outlets focusing on diversity and inclusion, or spotlighting the broad range of voices and contributions within the rangeland community

Ex 3: Shares resources and information on these topics through presentations and/or outreach events

- Creates a culture of inclusion in rangeland communities.

Ex 1: Creates or promotes environments for the sharing of different perspectives among members of rangeland communities, for example, through SRM Campfire Sessions, or international or multi-disciplinary collaborations

Ex 2: Supports community-building and collaboration in rangeland communities through informal mechanisms (e.g., welcoming community gatherings, personal invitations for individuals with different perspectives, effective 'open door' policies)



1. Nominee Information

Who are you nominating for this award?

- a. Name _____
- b. Email Address or Phone Number _____
- c. Occupation, Profession, and/or Employer in Rangelands _____

- d. Eligibility: This award is open to individuals or groups who are actively involved in the rangeland profession or community. **SRM membership is not required.** Current members and alternates of the SRM D&I Committee are ineligible. Please confirm that the nominee meets these requirements (respond 'Yes'; space is provided for further explanation, if needed)

2. Nominator Information

Please let us know how to contact you with any questions or notifications about the nomination.

- a. Name: _____
- b. Email Address or Phone Number: _____

3. Nominee Qualifications

Please review the award criteria above. In 500 words or less, please describe why the nominee should be considered for the *SRM Commitment to Community Engagement Award*. Please include direct evidence that is related to the criteria above and speaks to the nominee's impact.

4. Messages of Support (optional)

Up to two messages of support (maximum 500 words each) may be attached to the application..

- These letters are optional, but they tend to strengthen an individual's nomination by providing multiple perspectives on the nominee.
- Anyone may write a letter, including mentees/students of the nominee, colleagues, partner organizations, the nominator (for example, to share personal perspectives on the nominee, beyond the qualifications statement above), or others familiar with the nominee.
- These letters may be used to expand on different facets of the nominee's experience or expertise, or to provide additional viewpoints or explanation of their commitment to Community Engagement .
- Each message of support should include the name and affiliation of the submitter, and how they know the nominee.



Please send your nomination via email to SRM Headquarters (office@rangelands.org) **by June 1st** each year.

If you are not able to send an electronic nomination, please send a hard copy to:

**Award Nominations
Society for Range Management
100 N 27th Street, Suite 600 D
Billings, MT 59101**

Certification:

I have completed the above nomination as per the instructions.

I understand if the packet is incomplete that my application may not be considered.

I understand that the application deadline is June 1st of each year.

I feel this nomination for an SRM Honor Award is complete, true, and correct.

Signature of Nominator(s)

Date