



## FLORIDA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY ANNUAL AWARDS

### REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS

**Nominations are due Wednesday, March 14, 2018** and the Board of Directors and Council of Chapters members will vote online to select the award recipients during a two week period. The awards will be bestowed at the annual FNPS conference and it is endeavored to make it a surprise to the recipients. It is one of the most important activities we conduct at the conference because it allows us to acknowledge significant contributions to the FNPS mission.

Chapter Presidents and Chapter Representatives are uniquely positioned to know of a member who has gone above-and-beyond to help the Society achieve its mission. Please take some time to help identify those individuals or chapters that merit recognition by submitting nominations. Also, announce the Palmetto awards at your chapter meetings and include the award definitions in your January and February newsletters and encourage FNPS members to send in their nominations.

### AWARD DEFINITIONS

**FNPS Green Palmetto Awards** – The Society generally awards one Green Palmetto award for:

- Service or education
- Science
- Outstanding chapter of the year

FNPS Board members are not eligible for this award category. Contributions can be of regional or statewide significance. Any member can make Green Palmetto award nominations by contacting their chapter director or the FNPS president.

**FNPS Silver Palmetto Awards** – The Silver Palmetto award is made by the FNPS President to the Board member who has been of the greatest assistance during the past year.

**FNPS Mentor Award** – Created in 1995, the Mentor Award recognizes distinguished individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the science and practice of native plant preservation, conservation and restoration. This award is the highest honor the Society can

bestow and is reserved for lifelong or career-long contributions. Selection of award winner is by a vote of the FNPS Board of Directors.

**TO SUBMIT A NOMINATION:**

1. Record the following information in a Word or Text document:
2. Identify the award for which you are submitting the nomination:
  - Service or education,
  - Science,
  - Outstanding chapter of the year.
3. Provide the name of the individual or chapter that you wish to nominate.
4. In narrative format, provide an explanation of at least 150 words in length that explains what the individual or chapter has done to merit this important recognition.
5. E-mail the Word or Text document as an attachment to:

[fnps.executive.assistant@gmail.com](mailto:fnps.executive.assistant@gmail.com)

After the nomination cycle closes on **Wednesday, March 14, 2018**, the Board of Directors and the Council of Chapters members will review all the nominations that have been submitted and make a final decision about award recipients by conducting an online vote. In a typical year, FNPS will bestow a total of 3-5 Green Palmetto Awards for Service, Education or Science and one Green Palmetto Award for a Chapter. The others are not necessarily awarded every year. To see a list of past award recipients, please go to the Society Awards page on the FNPS website: <http://fnps.org/who-we-are/society-awards>