

NOMINATION FORM

This nomination is for the following award:

- River Keeper of the Year Award
- River Keepers Education Award
- River Keepers Environmental Award
- River Keepers Good Neighbor Award
- River Keepers River Development Award
- River Keepers Volunteer of the Year Award
- River Keepers Friend of the River Award
- River Keepers Employee of the Year Award
- River Partnership Award
- Distinguished Service Award
- The Eric Sevareid Award
- Other

Please check one of the following:

The nomination is completed on these two pages.

I have completed the information on the first page. Please contact the individual/group to finalize the nomination.

Nominee (Individual or organization) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email address: _____ Phone number: _____

In 100 words or less, summarize the reasons your nominee should receive the award as it relates to the Award Categories description listed on the enclosed materials.

SPECIFIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Please provide detail regarding specific accomplishments of your nominee as they relate to the Award Categories description (use no more than one additional page, if needed):

Please check if you approve of this arrangement.

_____ The Awards Committee may consider this candidate for another category if qualifications are met.

NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email address: _____ Phone number: _____

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Please reproduce this form if you are nominating more than one individual or organization.
2. E-mail, mail, fax or deliver completed form by March 11, 2026 to:

Awards Committee
River Keepers
1120 28th Ave. N., Ste. B
Fargo, ND 58102
christine@riverkeepers.org

3. For more information, call River Keepers at 701-235-2895 or email christine@riverkeepers.org.

RIVER KEEPERS AWARDS PROGRAM

The River Keepers awards program seeks to identify and recognize individuals and organizations whose efforts enhance the Red River and its corridor through increased recreational opportunities, expanded knowledge about the resource and an improved environment.

CRITERIA:

1. Candidates recommended for each specific award category should have accomplished activities which exemplify the River Keepers goals which are:
 - Increase public awareness of the Red River, its uses, and water related issues by disseminating accurate information and engaging in educational activities.
 - Maintain and increase appropriate recreational use of the Red River.
 - Advocate land use, river use, and environmental practices that contribute to a sustainable, safe, and economically beneficial river ecosystem.
2. The candidate may be either an individual or an organization from North Dakota or Minnesota.
3. Nominations will be accepted from the general public. River Keepers staff or an individual self-nomination are not eligible for awards.
4. Please address specific activities, accomplishments and contributions that individuals or organizations have completed at any time in the past. **Do not** submit additional supporting materials.
5. Candidates may be renominated each year. Previous award winners are not eligible to win an award in the same category but are eligible to win in a different category.
6. The completed nominations must be received by March 11, 2026 at River Keepers office, 1120 28th Ave. N., Ste. B, Fargo, ND 58102.

THE AWARDS CATEGORIES INCLUDE:

- ◆ **RIVER KEEPER OF THE YEAR AWARD** recognizes outstanding service as a result of activities associated with the enhancement of the Red River. This individual or organization must have played a significant role in activities which have enhanced the River, increased enjoyment of the River or improved perceptions of the River. The individual or organization may also have advocated on behalf of the River or conducted any unique effort to befriend the Red River.
- ◆ **RIVER KEEPERS EDUCATION AWARD** recognizes outstanding leadership in education that has contributed to a better understanding of the water resource and the impact of the Red River on the area's history, environment, and recreation.
- ◆ **RIVER KEEPERS ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD** recognizes outstanding leadership in protection of the River environment relative to environmental concerns, water, soils, vegetation, and wildlife.
- ◆ **RIVER KEEPERS GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARD** recognizes individuals or organizations whose property touches the Red River. Their outstanding efforts may include upkeep of River property which maintains the integrity of the River, activities which have enhanced the River or the enjoyment of the River, or any unique effort to befriend the River.
- ◆ **RIVER KEEPERS RIVER DEVELOPMENT AWARD** recognizes outstanding leadership in the creation of economic opportunities in the River corridor. The economic activities should promote the Red River while maintaining compatibility with River Keepers developmental and environmental goals. Eligible activities could include River-related businesses, tourism, or recreational events focusing on the River.
- ◆ **RIVER KEEPERS VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD** recognizes outstanding volunteer work in promoting the goals of River Keepers.
- ◆ **RIVER KEEPERS FRIEND OF THE RIVER AWARD** recognizes outstanding leadership in the promotion of a River Keepers goal.
- ◆ **RIVER KEEPERS EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARD** recognizes outstanding work efforts in promoting the goals of River Keepers.
- ◆ **RIVER PARTNERSHIP AWARD** recognizes agencies that have partnered together to promote the Red River and the goals of River Keepers.
- ◆ **DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD** recognizes individuals or organizations on their exceptional contributions or career-long commitment to River Keepers or the Red River Basin.
- ◆ **THE ERIC SEVAREID AWARD** - recognizes individuals or organizations for those who promote the Red River through writing, speaking, etc.