**NOMINATION FORM**

**2023 REFUGE FRIENDS GROUP OF THE YEAR**

**The deadline for submission is Friday, March 17, 2023.**

Each year when the nominations are reviewed, we are always impressed that the National Wildlife Refuge System seems to bring out the best in everyone! The things that people do for Refuges all over the country are incredible and we appreciate the time that you are taking to tell others what your nominee has done to deserve an award.  Our reviewers have a tough job of selecting the top one in each category and that is always hard! That makes your job as a nominator critical to making sure that your nominee gets all the credit that they deserve.

We have found that many of the best-written nominations are group efforts, where several people work together on the application. Not only does this spread out the workload, but it also helps ensure that all the nominee’s accomplishments get included. Metrics are always helpful as well. We know that this will help your nomination. Just be certain that the same project/activity isn’t duplicated throughout the nomination form.

**Electronic nominations are required.**

Include any additional information that you feel would be helpful to the selection committee in their review of the specific evaluation categories.  Photos are okay but entire newsletters and brochures are discouraged. Endorsement letters that repeat material already covered without adding substance to the nomination are also discouraged.

To submit your nomination, please email the completed form to Debbie Harwood at dharwood@refugeassociation.org. You will receive email confirmation that your nomination has been received.

Questions? Email Debbie Harwood.

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**2023 Molly Krival Refuge Friends Group of the Year Award**

**The deadline for submission is Friday, March 17, 2023.**

This award recognizes the outstanding contributions by the groups of dedicated volunteers in Friends organizations who provide essential services to the Refuge System. This award, named to honor the late Molly Krival, a pioneer in the Refuge Friends Group movement throughout the Refuge System, will be presented to the Friends group whose contributions are judged to be the most outstanding of the candidate groups nominated, based on the accomplishments and attributes in the evaluation categories outlined on the next page.

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| Nominee Group: |  |
| Group President: |  |
| Nominee’s Mailing Address: |  |
| Nominee’s Telephone Number: |  |
| Nominee’s Email Address: |  |
| Refuge: |  |
| Refuge Mailing Address: |  |
| Refuge Telephone Number: |  |
| Refuge Manager: |  |
| Refuge Manager’s Email Address: |  |
| **Nominated By** |  |
| Name: |  |
| Title/Relationship to Group: |  |
| Mailing Address: |  |
| Email Address: |  |
| Telephone Number: |  |
| Date: |  |

Please describe the accomplishments and attributes of the nominee in each of the following evaluation categories.

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***Nominations that do not follow the outline below will be returned.***

Innovation and Excellence in:

1. Advancing the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

2. Providing a supporting influence in the development of a positive relationship between the refuge and the local community.

3. Working as an independent advocate to protect natural resources.

4. Cooperating with other Friends organizations locally, regionally or nationally, and participating where possible in collaborative programs with these groups as well as with the National Wildlife Refuge Association.

 5. Maintaining a relationship of cooperation and mutual respect with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service personnel.

6. Adhering to high ethical standards of behavior applicable to private nonprofit charitable organizations and adhering to all reporting requirements and other regulations required by state and federal law.