



## Leopold Conservation Award Application

The following information is required for a complete application.

**Nominee**

**Name to appear  
on award**

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(Examples: John Smith, John Smith and Family, Smith Family Farms)

**Farm/Ranch Name**

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**Address**

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**County**

**City**

**Zip**

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**Email**

**Phone**

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**Nominator**

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**The completed application may be mailed or emailed:**

North Dakota Grazing Lands Coalition

Attn: Leopold Conservation Award, P.O. Box 1091, Bismarck, ND 58502

Email: [award@sandcountyfoundation.org](mailto:award@sandcountyfoundation.org)



**Please address the five selection criteria.**

*Limit each response to 1,000 words. (1 page double spaced = 250 words)*

- 1. Conservation Ethic** – Describe how the nominee has voluntarily exceeded the minimum obligations of regulation to enhance and conserve natural resources.
  
- 2. Resilience** – Describe the business and conservation methods used by the nominee to make the operation productive into the future.
  
- 3. Leadership and Communication** – Describe significant presentations the nominee has made to share his/her conservation ethics and techniques with others inside and outside of agriculture.  
Describe community service, positions held, leadership roles and media outreach.
  
- 4. Innovation and Adaptability** – Describe how the nominee has taken risks by utilizing or experimenting with new techniques to adapt to changes such as, consumers, markets, weather, regulations, etc.
  
- 5. Ecological Community** – Describe how the nominee's agricultural operation works with natural systems (soil, water, plants and wildlife, etc.).  
Describe how this benefits others.  
Describe any other relevant accomplishments and/or challenges.



**Please provide this additional information:**

*Your responses to the following do not impact the selection of the Leopold Conservation Award recipient. This information is intended to help the judges learn more about your practices.*

<p>Number of acres under management (there is no minimum or maximum acreage required).</p>	
<p>Provide a one-line description of your farm/ranch.</p> <p>Examples: dairy farm with cash crops; cow/calf beef operation</p>	
<p>Which local, state, federal agencies or partner organizations are involved with the nominee's conservation practices?</p> <p>Examples: SCD, DEQ, NDG&amp;F, NRCS</p>	
<p>Which, if any, federal conservation programs do you utilize?</p> <p>Examples: EQIP, CSP, CRP, local watershed project</p>	
<p>Which, if any, farm advisors do you work with?</p> <p>Examples: crop consultant, extension agent, watershed coordinator</p>	



**Please read the following statements, sign and submit with the application.**

1. I agree to be a nominee for the Leopold Conservation Award.
  
2. I manage and/or own the property described in this application.
  
3. The agricultural operation described in this application is in compliance with all applicable regulations and provides a positive example of environmental stewardship.
  
4. I understand I may be asked to be available for communications/media opportunities to promote the message of voluntary private lands conservation.
  
5. I understand a video will be produced featuring my agricultural operation, which will require my participation.

**Name**

**Date**

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**Attach three letters of recommendation.**

At least one should be from a natural resources conservation organization or agency.

Examples: Local business, Local Soil Conservation District, Civic group, Producer organization, State agency, Federal agency