

**Director’s Award for Support Staff**

To recognize that individual in a position (office administration, field program delivery, or professional services) who demonstrates exceptional accomplishments in support of agency objectives.

Nominations should reflect:

* Activities performed well above the normal level expected for the position occupied.
* Positive impact of activities on the overall efficiency and effectiveness of the respective unit.
* Positive impact of activities upon other units within the Service.
* Creative or innovative approaches developed to improve effectiveness and/or efficiency of the respective unit.
* Positive effect on Service personnel and the general public.
* Committed to and exhibits enthusiasm for all Service objectives.
* Displays outstanding subject matter knowledge and competency and exhibits qualities that are a credit to the Texas A&M University System, Texas A&M Forest Service, and the public.

Any employee is eligible when meeting these criteria:

* A full-time employee during the entire fiscal year preceding the presentation.
* Did not receive the award in the previous year.
* Is not an Associate Director or Department Head.

Deadline for nominations is August 31st of every year.

For forms and guidelines: <https://tfsweb.tamu.edu/administration/awards/>

The Director presents the recipient an engraved plaque and $500 cash award at the annual Personnel Meeting or similar agency meeting.

Past Recipients:

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| **Year** | **Recipient** |
| 1984 | Pauline Fagala |
| 1985 | No Nominee |
| 1986 | Joan Ladrum |
| 1987 | Charles W. Moore |
| 1988 | Peggy Johnson |
| 1989 | Rayford Sandel |

1990 Expanded to have separate award for Field Support Staff and Office Support Staff

| **Year** | **Field** | **Office** | **Professional** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1990 | Sherry McConnell | Ruth Jones |  |
| 1991 | Orville Richardson | Martha Johnson |  |
| 1992 | Ron Davis | Joan Doss |  |
| 1993 | Steve Hicks | Ann Ferrell |  |
| 1994 | Jimmy Stephens | Eva Dickens |  |
| 1995 | Wayne Shew | Dolores Alvarez |  |
| 1996 | Paul Hannemann &  Wayne Moore (Co-Winners) | Susie Shockley |  |
| 1997 | Robert Edmonson | Sylvia Becerra & Dolores Stephens (Co-  Winners) |  |
| 1998 | Bobby Landrum | Donna Valentine |  |
| 1999 | Donna Work | Ronnie Rea | Don Galloway |
| 2000 | Field - none | Karen Stripling | Cynthia Foster |
| 2001 | Bobby Weaver | Gill Hodges | Carrie Chesbro |
| 2002 | *No awards presented – changed to fiscal year cycle* | | |
| 2003 | Joe Hernandez | Monica Jadlowski | *None presented* |
| 2004 | *None presented* | Debbie Johnson | *None presented* |
| 2005 | Bill Spencer | Linda Alford | David Abernathy |
| 2006 | Gary Parton | Martha Alexander | Jin Zhu |
| 2007 | Billy Davis | Carolyne Riggs | Travis Zamzow |
| 2008 | Karen Ridenour | Becky Hopkins | Kristen Suehs |
| 2009 | Malinda Fry | Sarah Brooks | Gary Lacox |
| 2010 | Janet Helms | Dian Melton | Les Rogers |
| 2011 | Jan Amen | Sherri Noack | James Polasek |
| 2012 | *No awards presented* | | |
| 2013 | Rich Gray | Alice Kocurek | Kathleen Flatt |
| 2014 | Michele Gonzalez | Gwendolyn Cossey | Chris Angerer |
| 2015 | Jarred Lemmon | Aldyth Lewis | Don Hannemann |
| 2016 | Regina Rodrigues | Sherri Noack | Richard Gray |
| 2017 | Logan Scherschel | Krista Mattert | Shruthi Srinivasan |
| 2018 | Robert Edmonson | Amy Geppert | Rebekah Zehnder |
| 2019 | Kim Sowell | Jennifer Hayes | Jimmy Mullis |
| 2020 | Arthur Nichols | Amy Burnett | Fernando Vara |
| 2021 | Crystal Tice | Melissa Menn | Alicia Michalak |
| 2022 | Josh Mizrany | Melissa Yeldell | Emily Mitchell |
| 2023 | Scharise Phariss | Tana Chappell | Jason Calvet |