

ALASKA

HIT VOLUNTEER INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR AWARDS



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2015 NOMINATION FORM

Volunteer instructors are the backbone of the Hunter Information & Training (HIT) Program. They are connected to their communities and through their efforts reach more students. Volunteer instructors as a group possess a vast wealth of information which has proven to be invaluable in passing on the knowledge and skills of the outdoors. Through the countless hours of donated teaching time, thousands of students have been taught lessons of responsibility, conservation, firearms safety, and safety in the outdoors.

The HIT Volunteer Instructor of the Year Awards are designed to recognize a volunteer that has made a significant contribution to the HIT Program in 2015. A volunteer instructor who has considerably advanced the cause of safe hunting through extraordinary service in training or education. As co-instructors, your knowledge and recognition of a worthy nominee is extremely important.

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**Note: HIT Staff, State Troopers, and current Steering Group members are not eligible to receive an award.*

HIT Volunteer Instructor of the Year Award Descriptions

Every year the HIT Program recognizes volunteer instructors that have made a significant contribution to the program. We want to recognize those instructors that have gone above and beyond to advance the cause of safe hunting. This volunteer instructor could be described using the following words/phrases:

- Professional demeanor
- Dedicated & motivated
- Believes in HIT Program mission
- People-oriented & good communicator
- Reduces hunting incidents by producing safe and responsible hunters
- Recognizes the importance of making an investment in the future of hunting
- Strives to pass on values to future generations of outdoor men and women

Include specific objective data in your nomination demonstrating how the volunteer instructor achieved their significant contribution. Nominators should contact other instructors and individuals familiar with the nominee to gain additional knowledge and insight about the nominee.

Awards are given out for the following categories:

Hunter Education

A hunter education instructor that went above and beyond as a volunteer during 2015. For example: taught more than 2 classes, mentored and/or recruited new instructors, developed new teaching tools, etc.

Bowhunter Education

A bowhunter education instructor that demonstrated the above characteristics during 2015. For example: taught more than 2 classes, mentored new instructors, recruited new instructors, shared specialized archery knowledge with students, etc.

Muzzleloader Education

A muzzleloader education instructor that went above and beyond as a volunteer during 2015. For example: taught more than 2 classes, mentored new instructors, recruited new instructors, shared specialized muzzleloader knowledge with students, etc.

Rural Instructor

An instructor that demonstrated the above characteristics and taught classes in remote locations in 2015. Since this instructor typically lives in a location without HIT staff, they have to take the initiative for setting up the class (set the date, order course materials from area office, sign-up students, arrange course location, teach, and complete course paperwork).

Lifetime Achievement

An instructor that has been a volunteer for the HIT Program for many years and is an embodiment of the HIT Program mission. Their efforts as an instructor and mentor have helped provide Alaskans with the skills and knowledge needed to be safe/responsible hunters.

Outstanding Educator of the Year

An instructor that went above and beyond as a volunteer during 2015. For example: taught multiple classes in multiple disciplines, mentored new instructors, recruited new instructors, set an example for other instructors, assisted HIT Staff with clinics, outreach, etc..

Apprentice

An apprentice instructor (age 14-17) that assisted instructors with teaching classes and demonstrated the above characteristics in 2015.

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2015 Nomination Form

For voluntary contributions to the HIT Program, I nominate the following person for the Alaska HIT Volunteer Instructor of the Year Award.

Volunteer Instructor Nominee:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: Alaska ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

Nominated by:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: Alaska ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

Circle All Disciplines that Apply:

Basic Hunter Ed

Bowhunter Ed

Muzzleloader Ed

Rural Instructor

Lifetime Achievement

**Outstanding Educator
of the Year**

Apprentice

More is better. Don't limit yourself to the space provided below. Additional pages may be attached.

- A. List nominee's Hunter Education activities in 2015 (i.e., classes organized, courses taught, students certified, and recruitment of other workers or instructors).**

- B. List nominee's outstanding Hunter Education work in the past (i.e., activities that show work beyond what is normally expected).**

- C. What effort has the nominee made in promoting Hunter Education outside of normal classroom instruction?**

- D. List nominee's other organizational affiliations and/or activities related to Hunter Education and wildlife conservation.**

- E. List any awards or recognition the nominee has received in the past for work in Hunter Education.**

- F. List any work nominee has done with state or local governments or agencies to promote and encourage Hunter Education and the mission of the agency.**

- G. List any innovative ideas, teaching techniques, or training aids the nominee has produced or uses in Hunter Education that could help other Instructors.**
- H. What do you consider the most valuable contribution the candidate has made to Hunter Education?**
- 1. This past year, 2015:**
 - 2. Since they have been a Hunter Education Instructor:**
- I. Describe why you think this nominee is worthy of this award.**