What are the ISA Awards of Distinction?

The ISA Awards of Distinction are recognized as the highest honors bestowed by ISA. Award recipients are selected from nominations submitted by members and industry professionals and are recognized for lifetime achievements, arboricultural education and research, bodies of work, and contributions to practical arboriculture or to ISA. Nominations are reviewed by the Awards Committee which recommends selections for each award category. The recipients are approved by the ISA Board of Directors and announced at the ISA Annual International Conference.

A brief description of each award is available on the nomination form and on the ISA Website (https://www.isa-arbor.com/Membership/Member-Recognition/Awards-of-Distinction).

What are the benefits of receiving an Award of Distinction?

Recipients are honored at the Opening Ceremony of the ISA Annual International Conference, followed by recognition throughout the tree care industry through news releases, articles in ISA publications such as ISA Today and Arborist News, the ISA website, and social media. Award winners also receive extensive public exposure through national or international press releases and advertisement in their local newspapers.

How do I submit a nomination?

Nomination forms are available on the ISA website. The forms can be downloaded and completed, then emailed to awards@isa-arbor.com by 1 July 2020.

Questions? Email awards@isa-arbor.com.
Awards of Distinction

Extended deadline for nominations is 1 JULY 2020.

Section 1: Nominee’s Contact Information
Name: ___________________________ Organization/Company: ___________________________
State/Province: __________________ Country: ___________________________
Phone: __________________ OR E-mail: ___________________________

Section 2: Nominator’s Contact Information
Name: ___________________________ Organization/Company: ___________________________
Street Address: ___________________________ City: ___________________________
State/Province: __________________ Zip/Postal: ______________ Country: ___________________________
Phone: __________________ E-mail: ___________________________

Section 3: Award Categories Please click on (or check) the box next to the award you are recommending for this nominee.

☐ AWARD OF MERIT is the highest honor ISA bestows, recognizing a career of outstanding, meritorious service in advancing the principles, ideals, and practices of arboriculture. Granted only to members of ISA.

☐ ALEX L. SHIGO AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN ARBORICULTURAL EDUCATION recognizes the important role that all forms of education play in enhancing the quality and professionalism of the arboriculture industry. Granted only to ISA members in recognition of sustained excellence in arboricultural education.

☐ SHARON J. LILLY AWARD OF ACHIEVEMENT is granted only to ISA members in recognition of sustained, outstanding effort or contribution to the advancement of the International Society of Arboriculture.

☐ HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP is granted to members of ISA who have contributed materially and substantially to the progress of arboriculture and have given unselfishly in their efforts to support arboriculture. Honorary Life recipients are given complimentary ISA membership for their lifetime. (This membership is non-transferable.)

☐ R. W. HARRIS AUTHOR’S CITATION is granted to authors for sustained excellence in the publication of timely information pertaining to the field of arboriculture.

☐ L.C. CHADWICK AWARD FOR ARBORICULTURAL RESEARCH is granted to individuals in recognition of their research that has contributed valuable information to arboriculture.

☐ MILLARD F. BLAIR AWARD FOR EXCEPTIONAL CONTRIBUTION TO PRACTICAL ARBORICULTURE is granted in recognition of service that has made a substantial contribution to practical arboriculture.

☐ EARLY-CAREER SCIENTIST AWARD is granted to individuals who show exceptional promise in the arboriculture industry with high potential to become internationally-recognized scientists.

☐ HONORARY MEMBERSHIP recognizes individuals who are NOT ISA members, but who have demonstrated continued interest and outstanding service in the advancement of arboriculture through research, field practice, promotion, invention, or literature. Honorary recipients are given a complimentary 12-month ISA membership.
Section 4: Brief Description of Nominee and Their Work  (A general explanation of your reasons for nominating this individual.)

Section 5: Summary of Work and Supporting Information

Summary of Work – Please include brief summary (no more than one page) which explains the 1) history, 2) results, 3) impact of their work. This information is required and will go to all Awards Committee members.

Supporting Information – You may also send photographs, newspaper clippings, etc., to support the above information; however, additional information is not a required part of the application.

Please email all nominations to: awards@isa-arbor.com