

IAA Award Descriptions

Award of Merit

The *Award of Merit* is the highest honor bestowed by the Chapter. It is given in recognition of outstanding service in advancing the principles, ideals, and practices of arboriculture. The award is granted only to active or senior members of the Chapter that have made material contributions to arboriculture, either through work in the organization, research, field practice, or promotion. The award is limited to one individual annually.

Honorary Life Membership

The *Honorary Life Membership* award is granted only to active or senior members of the Chapter, who have substantially contributed to the progress of arboriculture, and who have given unselfishly to their efforts in supporting and promoting the objectives of the Chapter and the International Society of Arboriculture. The award is limited to one individual annually.

Gold Leaf Award

The *Gold Leaf Award* may be given to more than one individual or organization annually. It was originally intended to recognize outstanding Arbor Day programs or projects, but now has been expanded to include outstanding contributions to environmental protection and conservation.

Special Recognition Award

The *Special Recognition Award* was initiated to honor those individuals whose efforts in support of urban forestry and arboriculture are worthy of special consideration.

Volunteer of the Year Award

The *Volunteer of the Year Award* was created in loving memory of William Bolt, Jr. to recognize the selfless dedication and time donated by the volunteers who show a loyal commitment to our organization.