

## **PREVIOUS NRD AWARD WINNERS**

### **Hall of Fame (Director)**

- 2013 – Dick Mercer (Central Platte)
- 2014 – Walter Fick (Upper Elkhorn)
- 2015 – Mary Ann Wortmann (Lewis & Clark)
- 2016 – James Irwin (Upper Niobrara White)
- 2017 – Dean Rasmussen (Lower Loup)
- 2018 – Keith Rexroth (South Platte)
- 2019 – James Nelson (Lower Loup)

### **Hall of Fame (Employee)**

- 2013 – Ron Bishop (Central Platte)
- 2014 – Dan Smith (Middle Republican)
- 2015 – John Turnbull (Upper Big Blue)
- 2016 – Glenn Johnson (Lower Platte South)
- 2017 – Ron Fleecs (Lower Big Blue)
- 2018 – Ron Milner (Upper Republican)
- 2019 – Tom Moser (Lewis & Clark)

### **Hall of Fame (Supporter)**

- 2013 – Maurice Kremer (Upper Big Blue)
- 2014 – Warren Fairchild (Upper Big Blue)
- 2015 – Jim Cook (Upper Big Blue)
- 2016 – Dayle Williamson (Lower Big Blue)
- 2017 – Gayle Starr (Lower Big Blue)
- 2018 – Don McCabe (Central Platte)
- 2019 – Tom Pesek (Lower Big Blue)

## **Director of the Year**

- 2005 – Keith Rexroth (South Platte)
- 2006 – Jim Olson (North Platte)
- 2007 – Wayne Davis (Upper Niobrara White)
- 2008 – Jim Nelson (Lower Loup)
- 2009 – Nelson Trambly (Lower Republican)
- 2010 – Jim Irwin (Upper Niobrara White)
- 2011 – Jim Bendfeldt (Central Platte)
- 2012 – Judy Ridenour (Upper Loup)
- 2013 – Orval Gigstad (Nemaha NRD)
- 2014 – David Kadlecek (Upper Niobrara White)
- 2015 – Bill Vasey (Central Platte)
- 2016 – Richard Hadenfeldt (Lower Loup)
- 2017 – Jim Johnson (South Platte)
- 2018 – Don Kavan (Lower Platte North)
- 2019 – Steve Kelley (Lower Big Blue)

## **Educator of the Year**

- 2006 – Dave Barnard (Little Blue & Lower Republican)
- 2007 – Dan Scherer (Central Platte)
- 2008 – Dave Gibbens (Upper Elkhorn)
- 2009 – Dave Ference (Lower Loup)
- 2010 – Tracie Chapo (Lower Platte South)
- 2011 – Alan Held (South Platte)
- 2012 – Kevin Wetovick (Lower Loup)
- 2013 – Jan Zink (Nemaha)
- 2014 – David Berens (Little Blue)

2015 – Mike Kozeal (Lower Loup)  
2016 – Ken Malone (Nemaha)  
2017 – Dennis Mottl (Lower Loup)  
2018 – Philip Simpson (Lower Loup)  
2019 – Patrick Kratochvil & Suzy Foley (Lower Elkhorn)

### **Outstanding Tree Planter Award**

2005 – Dewain & Katharine Lockwood (South Platte)  
2006 – Dave Hillferty (Upper Republican)  
2007 – Deen Johnson (Upper Niobrara White)  
2008 – Nienhueser Farms (South Platte)  
2009 – Keven & Cindy Galloway (Middle Niobrara)  
2010 – Bob Brandt (Nemaha)  
2011 – Leroy Yung (South Platte)  
2012 – Dan & Shirley Carson (Upper Loup)  
2013 – Forney Ranch (Upper Niobrara White)  
2014 – Lowery Land & Livestock (Lower Loup)  
2015 – Steve Schumacher (South Platte)  
2016 – Robert Price Family (Lower Loup)  
2017 – Scott Trost (South Platte)  
2018 – Jerry Fullerton (Middle Niobrara)  
2019 – Doak Nickerson (Upper Niobrara White)

### **Outstanding Grassland Conservation Award**

2005 – Greg & Susan Gehl and Lee & Jane Loseke (Lower Loup)  
2006 – Dale Matschullat (Upper Elkhorn)  
2007 – Foster Cattle Company (Middle Niobrara)  
2008 – Tecker Ranch (Upper Republican)

2009 – Robert Simmons (Middle Niobrara)  
2010 – Pat Hruby (Lower Loup)  
2011 – Sundstrom Family (Twin Platte)  
2012 – Steve & Pam Reed (Upper Loup)  
2013 – Alvin Kruml (Lower Loup)  
2014 – Matt & Mia Varra (South Platte)  
2015 – Doug & Theresa Keller (South Platte)  
2016 – Lemoyne Dailey (Upper Loup)  
2017 – Waits Ranch (Twin Platte)  
2018 – The Mathewson Family (South Platte)  
2019 – Schulte Family (Lower Loup)

### **Outstanding Community Conservation Award**

2005 – Erickson Lake Corporation (Lower Loup)  
2006 – Julie Dewing (Middle Niobrara)  
2007 – NONE  
2008 – Centennial Park and Arboretum (Little Blue)  
2009 – City of Ord (Lower Loup)  
2010 – NONE  
2011 – Benkelman Tree Board (Upper Republican)  
2012 – Big Springs Pond Project (South Platte)  
2013 – City of Sidney (South Platte)  
2014 – City of Sidney (South Platte) *\*Won the previous year, but for different reasons/people*  
2015 – Big Indian Archers (Lower Big Blue)  
2016 – Mullen Public Schools (Upper Loup)  
2017 – Western Nebraska Community College (South Platte)  
2018 – Dan Kathol (Lewis & Clark)  
2019 – Niobrara High School (Lower Niobrara)

## **Outstanding Soil Stewardship Conservation Award**

2017 – Ben & Paula Sue Steffen (Nemaha)

2018 – Scott & Barbara Gonnerman (Upper Big Blue)

2019 – Nick & Rose Keller (Lower Niobrara)