



AWARDS PROGRAM

Each year, the Alberta Trappers Association will recognize the outstanding efforts of individuals and families in our industry and association. Award nominations will be accepted from members of the Alberta Trappers Association in good standing.

Nominations are reviewed by the ATA Awards Committee.

While each specific Award has a specific mandate, the following is the general criteria that is also used to review and evaluate nominations:

1. ATA members who have demonstrated dedicated efforts in the respective Award category.
2. Individuals dedicated to promoting awareness about the ATA and the services it provides.
3. Individuals dedicated to continuing the passion for trapping, with a commitment to passing this on to future generations.
4. Individuals who demonstrate leadership and commitment to Provincial or Local initiatives, designed to promote and protect trapping.

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS JUNE 15, 2025

Arthur E. Robison Memorial Award

History:

Jim Robison began this award in memory of his uncle, Art Robison. Art held a trap line in the Rocky Mountain area for many years. During his trapping career he focused his attention on sharing the trapping message with young people, recognizing they would be future trappers. This award is presented annually by the Robison family to the individual who continues the tradition of training young people to become tomorrow's trappers. Generally, this award is recognized as a tribute to public and trapper education initiatives.

Wolf Conservation and Management Award in Memory of George Kelley (1944 –February 25, 2007)

History:

This award recognizes and honors the memory of a well-known and respected outdoorsman, George Kelley. Upon his passing at age 63, the family requested that in lieu of floral tributes, that donations be made to the Alberta Trappers' Association directed for a Wolf Reduction Program. George left a legacy of fond memories, tales of adventure and many families and friends. He was born in Edson and spent most of his life in Hinton. As the father of seven, George was a family-oriented man and was also an active member in the community. For 43 years, George guided clients for big game hunting from around the world. He was a former President of the Hinton Local of the Alberta Trappers Association. He taught many guiding courses and at one time was employed with Alberta Fish and Wildlife. He was well known across the province and was featured in many wildlife magazines and newspapers.

Award of Merit

History:

This award was started by "Woodstream Corporation" to recognize an individual who contributes greatly towards promoting the trapping industry and who voluntarily helps above and beyond the call of duty. This award has been continued by the Alberta Trappers Association to recognize such an individual and to encourage others to "carry the flag" for trappers and who's service benefits the entire industry by the loyal, devoted, and voluntary actions and deeds.

Kammer Trapping Family of the Year

History:

This award commenced in 2016 to honor the Kammer family from Northern Alberta. Brothers Carl and Johnny Kammer were bachelors who considered the trapping community their family. They had a deep commitment and love of trapping and were always active in working to perpetuate family units on the trapline. The brothers donated their life savings to the ATA as seed capital for the construction of a new building. Both men were war veterans, who made their living from the land, farming and trapping. Their lasting legacy was to ensure that all people, both old and young, had the opportunity to learn about trapping and understand its importance in the natural world.

Recognition Awards

History:

Annually the ATA Board and Locals recognize several individuals who have made significant contributions to the ATA. These recipients come from all walks of life, across the province and beyond and share the common commitment to the rich heritage of trapping and ensuring a secure place in the future. Each recipient receives a 5" x 7" plaque, which are presented at the Annual Rendezvous.

Chris Wilke Memorial Scholarship

History:

Chris Wilke passed away suddenly in 2009 while elk hunting, and this scholarship was created to honor his memory and find a way to payback the incredible amount of time that he donated to the trapping industry. He was heavily involved in all aspects related to education and protection of wildlife. A memorial scholarship fund commenced in 2010 as a tribute to honor this great man and further his legacy to all Albertans.

This scholarship is available to all applicants with a trapping history, with preference given to members of the Alberta Trappers Association or immediate family. The awards are not necessarily based on scholastic standing. The recipient must be a student in a post-secondary institution (or accepted to a post-secondary institution). Applicants must submit an application outlining their background, interests, abstract and future plans. Essentially, describe what trapping means to them.

Best Written Youth Article For Alberta Trapper Magazine

History:

These awards commenced in 2005, when Gerald & Christella Plamondon's estate donated seed funding for this initiative. The article submitted must be a trapping related article from youth ages 14 and under. The youth does not have to be an ATA member.

**Alberta Trappers Association Recognizing Outstanding
Contributions
to the Trapping Industry in Alberta**

AWARDS NOMINATION FORM
The deadline for nominations is **MAY 31, 2025**

Please indicate **AWARD CATEGORY** you are Nominating For:

Name of Nominee:

Mailing Address:

Town: _____ **Province:** _____ **Postal Code:** _____

Phone Number: _____ **Email address:** _____

Nominated by: _____ **Signature:** _____

Date: _____ **Contact Information:** _____

Please use this space to explain why you feel the nominee is deserving of this award. (Use additional page if necessary)

Please submit the completed nomination form to:

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