



2024 Annual NRVRC Awards

Help us recognize the people who make an impact in the New River Valley! We need you to nominate worthy candidates for this year's awards program. The Commission is accepting nominations for our regional awards until **August 13th**. Award recipients will be honored in the Fall of 2024. Please click on the links below to nominate candidates for Champion of the Valley (elected/appointed official), Citizen of the Valley, and Friend of the Valley (outside the region).

[Champion of the Valley-Elected/Appointed Official \(nominate here\)](#)

Previous award recipients include:

2014 Mr. Joseph Sheffey

Pulaski County Board of Supervisors, retired

2015 Mr. Rick Boucher

U.S. House of Representatives 1983-2011

2016 Delegate Joseph Yost

12th House District of Virginia 2012-2018

2016 Mr. William Brown

Montgomery County Board of Supervisors, retired

2017 Mr. Chris McKlarney

Giles County Administrator

2018 Ms. Susan Kidd

Town of Narrows

2019 Delegate Nick Rush

7th House District in Virginia

2020 Mr. Chris Tuck

Montgomery County Board of Supervisors, retired

2021 Mr. Craig Meadows

Montgomery County

2021 Ms. Lydeana Martin

Floyd County

2022 Ms. Penny Franklin

Montgomery County School Board

2023 Delegate Jason Ballard

12th House District in Virginia

2023 Mr. Robert Graham

Superintendent Pulaski County Schools

[Citizen of the Valley \(nominate here\)](#)

Previous award recipients include:

2014 Dr. Charles Steger

Virginia Tech President

2015 Mr. Ken Anderson
CEO, Anderson & Associates, Inc.

2016 Ms. Penelope Kyle, JD
Radford University President

2017 Mr. Woody Crenshaw
Floyd County Entrepreneur

2018 Mr. David Hagan
Business Owner / Investor

2018 Ms. P. Buckley Moss
Artist / Philanthropist

2019 Mr. Raymond Smoot
Community Leader

2020 Mr. Bill Ellenbogen
Community Advocate

2021 Ms. Shelly Fortier
Habitat for Humanity of the NRV

2021 Mr. John Dooley, PHD
Virginia Tech Foundation

2022 Mr. Janaka Casper
Community Housing Partners

2023 Ms. Cathy Hanks
Friends of Peak Creek & New River Conservancy

[Friend of the Valley \(nominate here\)](#)

Previous award recipients include:

2016 Mary Moody Northen Foundation

Mountain Lake Lodge

2017 Mr. Bill Shelton

Director of the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development

2019 Mr. John Smolak, III

Appalachian Power

2022 New River Conservancy

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