

Award recognizes significant contributions to oyster aquaculture, biology, gardening, advocacy, education, youth development, or service; or towards improving the health of the Chesapeake Bay, its tributaries, and its communities.



Nominate A Deserving Individual, Organization, or Group

Madison Boyd Award Nominations Open

The Madison Boyd Award is named for former Tidewater Oyster Gardeners Association (TOGA) member Madison Boyd of Mollusk, VA. Madison was a friend, waterman, and visionary leader who tirelessly worked on TOGA conservation and education efforts with the Boys and Girls Club at Camp Kekoka in Kilmarnock on the Northern Neck of VA until his death in 2020. He actively volunteered in support of his community, especially with young people. Inaugurated in 2021, the award reflects TOGA's mission and values. It may be given to an individual or group whose achievements, contributions, or service result in educating the public about oysters, oyster gardening, and/or improving the health of the Chesapeake Bay. The non-monetary award is presented in the form of a letter, engraved plaque, or memento and is presented by the TOGA President at the Annual Meeting and publicized in local news releases.

Nomination Process

By November 15 **The submission must include the following:**

1. Full name of candidate
2. Home address of candidate
3. Candidate's place of employment, profession, or position.
4. Telephone number and email of candidate
5. Date of submission
6. Name, email, and phone number of the person submitting the nomination
7. Send to carlz@togaboard.org or Carl Zulick, 150 Fish Hawk Ln, Deltaville VA 23043

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Description

8. A 250 word or less description summarizing the achievements or contributions of the candidate, giving specific examples of the nominee's accomplishments towards meeting the award criteria (above) and clearly describing the significance of the achievement and impact on oysters, the bay, or its communities. The submission should not be a list; it should be a narrative. Submitters are encouraged to work with colleagues to nominate an individual or group.

TOGA
Gloucester, VA



Optional Letters

9. Up to three letters of support may be submitted from individuals' knowledgeable about the candidate's accomplishments and related impacts. Letters should augment the material contained in the other documentation and address the broader context of the candidate's achievements. The letters should indicate the writer's basis for their knowledge of the candidate's achievements. (optional)