

2026 MRNRC Missouri River Conference

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Missouri River Champion Award

Call for Nominations

The Missouri River Champion Award recognizes individuals or groups that have made significant contributions to the enhancement, preservation, or protection of the Missouri River ecosystem and the fish, wildlife, and other natural resources dependent upon it.

Application Information

Eligibility:

Any nominee(s) that have contributed significantly to Missouri River conservation, science, outreach, protection, enhancement, etc.

Number of awards available:

The number of recognized awardees is dependent upon nominations and their merit.

Applications will include:

A brief essay of 200 words or less, describing the nominee(s) contributions to the Missouri River ecosystem and its resources.

Application:

Must be submitted to the MRNRC Awards Chair, Kirk Steffensen (kirk.steffensen@nebraska.gov) by Monday, February 2nd, 2026.

Selection:

The Missouri River Champion recipient(s) will be chosen by the state delegates of the Missouri River Natural Resources Committee based on an evaluation of the nomination submitted and successful awardee(s) will be notified in mid-February.

Travel award:

Travel, lodging, and conference registration (including meals and socials) will be included to honor the awardee(s).

Selected awardee(s) will be recognized by the Missouri River Natural Resources Committee at its annual conference.