Project Learning Tree – Ohio Awards Criteria

The Project Learning Tree (PLT) – Ohio Awards Committee, in accordance with the policies of PLT-Ohio and the guidance of the state coordinator, will make all award determinations. Both individual and team nominations will be accepted.

Outstanding Facilitator Award

The Outstanding Facilitator Award is an annual award given to an active PLT-Ohio facilitator or facilitator team. Nominees will be selected based on the following criteria:

- Is a frequent and creative user of PLT activities in workshops
- Facilitates at a number of PLT workshops in the nomination year and/or over his/her career
- Assists the PLT-Ohio state program through Advanced Leadership Workshops, "super leader" updates, facilitator upgrades, Greenworks, etc.
- Is involved with special environmental programs not necessarily affiliated with PLT
- Is an advocate of PLT and environmental education
- Contributes innovative ideas/suggestions for the betterment of PLT-Ohio
- Demonstrates other interests/activities associated with trees, forests and the environment

Outstanding Educator Award

The Outstanding Educator Award is an annual award to acknowledge the work of an educator in Ohio. For this award "educator" is broadly defined to include teachers, naturalists, youth leaders, or any other individuals actively involved in the education of youth. Nominees will be selected based on the following criteria:

- Demonstrates significant commitment to environmental education and natural resources
- Contributes to and follows the "awareness to action" sequence of learning in environmental education
- Uses PLT to make an impact on curriculum standards, proficiencies, or policies
- Shows promotion and enhancement of environmental ethic at the local or state level
- Recruits others into use of PLT or has been an advocate of PLT in other ways such as facilitating, in-service programs, school wide programs, etc
- Has personal qualities that personify an outstanding PLT educator such as leadership, energy and enthusiasm, involvement in special environmental projects, etc
- Demonstrates other interests and activities connected to trees, forests, and the environment

Bill Schultz Natural Resources Award

This award will be given to a natural resources professional that has contributed to Project Learning Tree and conservation education through professional and/or volunteer efforts.

- Demonstrates a commitment to conservation education
- Contributes to the PLT – Ohio program by his/her actions
- Shares his/her natural resources professional expertise and knowledge in educational settings
- Models PLT's message of teaching "How to Think, not What to Think"

John Hug Award

The John Hug Award is the highest possible award presented by PLT-Ohio. It is only awarded during years in which worthy recipients are nominated. This award acknowledges those who represent the highest qualities one may attain in the PLT-Ohio program. Consideration will be given to those who best fulfill the following criteria:

- Epitomizes the "Leader of Learners" philosophy of Dr. John Hug
- Shows a commitment to natural resources and the total environment
- Lives his/her commitment to the environment through action
- Is a PLT-Ohio user and/or sponsor/supporter
- Is a PLT-Ohio program advocate
- Makes advancements in environmental education despite challenges they encounter
- Emphasizes quality and not necessarily quantity of educational experiences

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PLT-Ohio Award Nomination for:

- ☐ Outstanding Facilitator
- ☐ Outstanding Educator
- ☐ Bill Schultz Natural Resources Award
- ☐ John Hug Award

Please describe, in a one-page summary, why you feel the nominee(s) should be selected for this award. Photos, news articles, etc. are not required but are welcome and encouraged. Attach the information to this form and mail, fax, or e-mail the nomination packet to the address listed above. The deadline is August 1, 2011.

Nominee Information:
Name:_____**Position/Title:**_____

Home address:_____

Home phone: _____

Employer name and address:_____

Work Phone:_____ **Email:**_____

Nominee Information (if nominating a team, include other team member information here):
Name:_____Position/Title:_____

Home address:_____

Home phone: _____

Employer name and address:_____

Work Phone:_____ Email:_____

Nominator Information:
Name:_____**Position/Title:**_____

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Home phone: _____

Employer name and address:_____

Work Phone:_____ **Email:**_____