

## **SWCS Award Information**

Nominations for awards must be received by Martha Sheppard, Awards Chair by December 1. The awards program of the Soil and Water Conservation Society is designed to recognize individuals and organizations who have made outstanding contributions in advocating the conservation of soil, water and related natural resources. National award recipients will be announced at the Society's annual meeting, unless otherwise indicated. The Illinois Chapter also recognizes award applicants at the state level during the Illinois Annual Meeting. For additional information on awards, visit [www.swcs.org](http://www.swcs.org). To nominate someone for an award, contact Martha Sheppard at 217-285-4114 or [marthashep@hotmail.com](mailto:marthashep@hotmail.com).

## **Summary of Society Awards**

### **I. Society Members:**

#### **Fellow**

- Recognizes exceptional professional achievement coupled with service to the Society
- Number awarded: Up to 0.1% of members

#### **Outstanding Service**

- Recognizes distinguished service to the Society over a long and sustained period (10 years minimum)
- Number awarded: Up to 0.1% of members

#### **Commendation**

- Recognizes members for service to their chapters (members having received other Society awards are also eligible)
- Number awarded: Each chapter, council of chapters, Society board member, or Society officer may nominate no more than one member annually

### **II. Society Members and Non-Members:**

#### **Hugh Hammond Bennett**

- Recognizes extraordinary national and international accomplishments in the conservation of soil, water, and related natural resources
- Number awarded: One, and then only if a suitable candidate is nominated

#### **Honor**

- Recognizes people for outstanding accomplishments compatible with Society objectives
- Number awarded: Up to 10 each year

#### **Merit**

- Recognizes noteworthy conservation activity or products of organizations, agencies, or firms
- Number awarded: As many as meet the criteria