

Nomination Forms for the 2026 MNRC Foundation Awards

Handler of the Year Awards

Basic criteria for the award:

The recipient shall be selected by the Foundation Board of Directors (Board) who has final authority on the selection of the awardees and whether or not the Award will be presented in a particular year. Awards may not be awarded each year. In considering potential awardees, the Board shall, among other things consider the following criteria:

The handler must:

- Have handled a dog(s) at the 2026 Master National Retriever Club's annual Retriever Hunting Test; the dog(s) does/do not have to "qualify" (get a plate) at the MNRHT for the handler to be eligible for the award; however, the handler must have handled the dog in each and every series of the MNRC Hunt Test to which the dog was called back.
- Have trained, or at least participated in the training of the dog(s) handled;
- Successfully controlled the dog from the holding blind to the line at the tests;
- Exhibited expertise in handling the dog(s) during the tests;
- Have knowledge of and apply the AKC's current Regulations and Guidelines applicable to the event, including the AKC's Code of Sportsmanship.
- Exhibited an ability to handle the dog(s) to the AKC Standards;
- Exhibited knowledge of how to properly care for the dog(s)
- Exhibited personal & professional conduct at the event.
- Be in good standing with the MNRC and AKC
- Exhibited all the tenets of the AKC Code of Sportsmanship
- A handler of a dog that is owned by any member of the MNRC or MNRCF boards of directors or their family is ineligible for this award.

A detailed listing of the criteria for all MNRC Foundation awards is found on the MNRC website under the Awards Program tab. Please review these criteria.

REMINDERS:

Only completed nomination forms will be reviewed by the selection committee.

Members or family members of the Board of Directors of the MNRC or the MNRC Foundation are ineligible for these awards.

Handlers handling dog(s) owned by said members or members of their families are also ineligible for these awards.

**Official Nomination Form
For MNRCF Handler of the Year Awards**

This nomination is for: (please circle one category)

Bill T. Teague Handler of the Year

Youth Handler of the Year age 13 y/o to 17 y/o

Youth Handler of the Year age 12 y/o and younger

Handler being nominated:

Person submitting this nomination:

Name _____

Name _____

Address _____

Address _____

Cell # _____

Cell # _____

Email _____

Email _____

DOB of youth handler _____

Flight and number of dogs handled at the event:

Flight # _____ Dog # (#'s) _____

In a few words, please indicate how the handler has trained or participated in the training of the dogs he/she ran and exhibits proper care for the dogs.

In a few words, please indicate how the handler has exhibited the principles of handling a dog from the holding blind to the line in a controlled manner and how the handler has exhibited expertise in handling the dog during the test.

Please share how this handler has exhibited their knowledge of and applied the current AKC Regulations and Guidelines to the manner in which they have handled their dog(s) and how they have held the dog(s) to the AKC Standard.

Please explain how this handler has upheld the ACK's Code of Sportsmanship.

Please indicate that this handler is in good standing with the AKC and the MNRC.

Please explain how this handler has exhibited personal and professional conduct during this event and how this handler has improved this event and the retriever hunt test sport in general.

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Completed copies may be mailed or emailed to:

bltdogs4@gmail.com

**Official Nomination Form
for
The MNRCF Humanitarian Sportsman Recognition Award**

Established in 2019, this award recognizes an individual or a group of individuals within the Retriever Hunting Test Sport(RHT) that participate in the MNRC Hunt Test Program and have or do provide humanitarian services either to those within the sport or outside of the sport.

Please see the detailed information about the award and the criteria on the MNRC website under the Awards Program tab.

Basic criteria for this award are:

Candidates must meet the tenets of the AKC Code of Sportsmanship and the MNRC Code of Ethics.

Please provide a detailed description of how this/these individuals have met the criteria of providing humanitarian service(s) by going “above and beyond the call” to provide that service. And what positive impact that service had on individuals, groups, or communities. (Please use additional pages if necessary.)

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Hard copies or e-mail copies are acceptable and must be received no later than November 11, 2026.

Completed copies may be mailed or emailed to:

**MNRCF Secretary
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