



West Gulf Division Awards

Ham of the Year – The West Gulf Division Radio Amateur, who is over the age of 18, whose record merits recognition for outstanding contributions to the Amateur Radio Service

He or she is active on the air and in Amateur Radio organizations. The Amateur of the Year is an all-round Amateur whose activities, attitudes, and achievements may serve as an example to others. Devotion to Amateur Radio is balanced with attention to family life and work responsibilities. The Ham of the Year exemplifies the “Amateur’s Code.”

In selecting the award recipient, emphasis is placed on service to others rather than self, diversity of Amateur Radio interests and activities, evidence of continuing self-challenge and outstanding contributions to Amateur Radio in the year preceding nomination.

Young Ham of the Year – The West Gulf Division Radio Amateur, age 18 and under (as of December 31st of the award nominating year), whose record merits recognition for outstanding contributions to the Amateur Service.

He or she is active on the air and in Amateur Radio organizations. The Amateur of the Year is an all-round Amateur whose activities, attitudes, and achievements may serve as an example to others. Devotion to Amateur Radio is balanced with attention to family life and school responsibilities. The Young Ham of the Year exemplifies the “Amateur’s Code.”

In selecting the award recipient, emphasis is placed on service to others rather than self, diversity of Amateur Radio interests and activities, evidence of continuing self-challenge and outstanding contributions to Amateur Radio in the year preceding nomination.

West Gulf Division Excellence Award – The West Gulf Division Radio Amateur of any age, who by participation in a specific area of Amateur Service, merits recognition for outstanding contributions to the Amateur Service. This award may be given for any identified achievement. Suggested *examples* of area of interest and merit include:

- Educator of the Year
- EMCOMM Participant of the Year
- Public Information Officer of the Year
- Radio Scouter of the Year
- Radio Amateur Organization of the Year
- Technical Achievement of the Year

AWARD RULES

- 1) Nominees for all awards, except Young Ham of the Year, must be ARRL members/organizations residing in the West Gulf Division (composed of the North Texas, Oklahoma, South Texas and West Texas Sections).
- 2) All Award applications require a minimum of 3 ARRL members to make the nomination.
- 3) Individual nominees of the West Gulf Division Ham of the Year Award must be over the age of 18, as of December 31st, of the award nominating year.
- 4) Individual nominees of the West Gulf Division Young Ham of the Year Award must be age 18 or younger, as of December 31, of the award nominating year.
- 5) All Award nomination packages must include the following:
 - a. A COMPLETE nominating form.
 - b. A 150-word statement on why you believe your Nominee qualifies for the Award.
 - c. Supporting documentation for your Nominee's qualifications. The more documentation you can provide the easier it will be for the judges to reach a decision.
- 6) Nomination packages that are incomplete will not be considered.**
- 7) Awards will be announced and presented by the Division Director (or his/her designee) at the West Gulf Division Convention. If a recipient is unable to attend the Convention, their award will be shipped to them.
- 8) Deadline for nominations is May 1 of the current year. Nominations and supporting documentation must be emailed or postmarked no later than May 1 to allow sufficient time for judging. (See the nomination form for submission addresses.)
- 9) Nominations can only be made into one category per year.
- 10) Past winners of any Division Award must wait three (3) years before nomination in any category.
- 11) If there is no submission for an Award category, no Award will be given.
- 12) Decision of the Judges is final.

WHO ARE THE JUDGES?

The Division Awards judging panel consists of four (4) ARRL members, selected by each of the Section Managers in North Texas, Oklahoma, South Texas and West Texas Sections. The Section Manager may opt to appoint his/herself to the committee. The fifth judge is selected by the Division Director and may reside anywhere within the West Gulf Division. Neither the Division Director nor the Vice Director may participate in the vote.

ARRL WEST GULF DIVISION AWARD NOMINATION FORM

YEAR ENDING: _____

Please choose the award you are nominating someone for (check one):

- West Gulf Division Ham of the Year Award
- West Gulf Division Young Ham of the Year Award
- West Gulf Division Excellence Award
 - Educator of the Year Award
 - EMCOMM Participant of the Year Award
 - Public Information Officer of the Year Award
 - Radio Amateur Organization of the Year Award
 - Radio Scouter of the Year Award
 - Technical Achievement Award
 - Other: _____

INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR NOMINEE:

Name: _____ Call Sign: _____

Address: _____

City, State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

ARRL Member (circle): Yes No Age (as of December 31st, if 18 or younger): _____

Nominators:

1) Name: _____ Call Sign: _____

Signature: _____

2) Name: _____ Call Sign: _____

Signature: _____

3) Name: _____ Call Sign: _____

Signature: _____

Please submit the Nomination Form, the 150-word statement on why your Nominee should be recognized, and all supporting documentation to:

**ARRL WEST GULF DIVISION
Post Office Box 531605
Harlingen, Texas 78553**

OR

Emailed to:

K5RAV@arrl.org

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MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MAY 1st of the nominating year