



ARRL Indiana Section Amateur of the Year Award



The Indiana Section of the American Radio Relay League (ARRL), the national association for amateur radio, is proud to sponsor the Section award to recognize the Indiana operator that most lives the Amateur's Code and exemplifies the ideals of the ARRL Five Pillars.

The honor is bestowed annually on a single operator nominated by peers and selected by a vote of all ARRL Affiliated Clubs in the Indiana Section. The ARRL serves all amateur radio operators and so any licensed operator living in the state of Indiana is eligible* for nomination regardless of club or ARRL membership. The selection process is open and transparent without prejudice against or bias toward any club or geographic region.



Nominations for the award are accepted after April 1 each year.

The nomination process is initiated by requesting a nomination form from the Section Manager or Section Affiliated Club Coordinator. The standardized nomination form requests verifiable specific activities or achievements the nominee has completed that exemplify each of the ARRL Five Pillars.

Public Service – How has the nominee used his amateur radio privileges to support his community?

Advocacy – How has the nominee been a proactive advocate or representative voice for achieving regulatory, legislative, or community outreach goals in support of amateur radio?

Education - How has the nominee demonstrated a commitment to lifetime learning, certification, and personal achievement in amateur radio?

Technology – How has the nominee contributed to or participated in the advancement of radio science?

Membership – How has the nominee advanced amateur radio participation and embraced inclusiveness and diversity in the hobby?

*See rules for eligibility exclusions

Nomination and Award Rules

Nominations: Open April 1 – Close August 31. Nomination forms may be requested from the Section Manager or Affiliated Club Coordinator. Nominations may be submitted by any Indiana Section resident licensed amateur radio operator. The nominee may NOT nominate himself/herself. In the event more than one person wants to nominate the same individual, the Section Manager will notify the parties and request they collaborate to submit a single nomination form. All nomination submissions must be received by the Section Manager or Affiliated Club Coordinator by September 1.

Eligibility: All licensed amateur radio operators resident in the Indiana Section are eligible to be nominated with the following exceptions;

- 1) The current Section Manager or other ARRL elected officers who may reside in Indiana
 - 2) Previous ARRL Indiana Section Amateur of the Year winners
- (NOTE: previous nominees who did not win are still eligible)

Award Selection Process: A committee of at least three Indiana Section Staff members (none may be current award nominees) will be given copies of all nomination forms received by the deadline. The committee members will independently ‘score’ the nominees (up to 20 points in each of the Five Pillar categories) based on info provided on the nomination form. An average score for each of the nominees will be computed from the individual committee member results.

- Names of the nominees with the top three average scores will be presented on a ballot distributed to all ARRL Affiliated Clubs in Indiana along with their original nomination forms. Each club will be asked to rank the nominees as First, Second, and Third place choices after reviewing their nomination credentials.
- Each club may decide how they want to arrive at this ranking. The clubs will need to return their ballots to the Section Manager or Affiliated Club Coordinator by October 31.
- The club ballots will be collected and votes tallied by the Section Staff committee. The winner and two runners up will be invited to the ARRL Indiana Section Convention in November where the ARRL Indiana Amateur of the Year will be announced and awards presented.

All eligible nominees will be given fair consideration and the final decision rests with Indiana ARRL Affiliated clubs and their members. In the event of a tie, co-winners will be named and each will receive an equivalent award.

Nomination forms may be requested from the Section Manager or Affiliated Club Coordinator. Current contact info is posted on the official Indiana Section webpage at;

<http://www.arrl.org/sections/view/indiana>

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