The Honorable Cornelius Amory Pugsley Medal

APPLICATIONS CLOSE MAY 15, 2026

The Pugsley Medal's purpose is to honor outstanding contributions in parks and conservation. The Pugsley Medal is awarded to citizens, political leaders, park and conservation professionals who have dedicated their efforts to the advancement of parks and conservation at the local, regional, state, or national levels.

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MEDAL CRITERIA

1. Nominee must be living at the time of nomination and must be a U.S. citizen.
2. Nominee will have preserved, facilitated, enhanced and/or created park and/or conservation lands which have significantly enriched the lives of people and/or made significant contributions to maintaining biodiversity.
3. Nominee may have developed or refined techniques or programs which advance the cause of parks and/or conservation.
4. Nominee's record reflects advocacy, originality, courageous decision-making, and dedication to the public good.
5. The Pugsley Medal recognizes achievements/accomplishments, not longevity and/or effort. The award is not given for a "one-time" achievement.
6. Past recipients have been acknowledged as leaders in professional organizations, but the Pugsley Medal is not given for service in such organizations.
7. Nominee's personal and/or professional record shall not have unverified or verified allegations that would tarnish the reputation of The Honorable Cornelius Amory Pugsley Medal.
8. A nominee may only be considered twice within a five year period.

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