



2019 Blue Grama Awards

Colorado Open Space Alliance

APPLICATION DEADLINE

July 16, 2019

Thank you for your interest in the 2019 Blue Grama Awards presented by the Colorado Open Space Alliance. This year's award will be presented at the annual COSA conference in Steamboat Springs from September 16 – 18, 2019. Award winners are encouraged to attend the conference. This year's award categories have changed slightly. Please review the award categories carefully and select the category(s) that best fit your nomination.

Your nomination must include the information outlined in the award application and include up to 3 photos and/or a 20 – 30 second video clip. Nominations may not exceed 3 pages in length. Incomplete or late nominations will not be reviewed. Nominations must be submitted electronically as a PDF file. All nominees will be notified by email in mid-August with the selection results. If you have any questions about the nomination or selection process, please contact Bevin Carithers at bcarithers@bouldercounty.org. We look forward to reviewing your nominations.

2019 Blue Grama Award Categories

Outstanding Achievement by an Organization or Individual

Outstanding Achievement in Community Partnership and Collaboration

Outstanding Visitor Engagement Program

*Outstanding Achievement in Ecological Restoration or
Recreation Management*



2019 Blue Grama Award Categories

Colorado Open Space Alliance

Outstanding Achievement by an Organization or Individual

This award is given to an individual and/or organization that has made significant contributions to the conservation of Colorado's open spaces, community engagement, and/or conservation policy. The nominee's impact should extend beyond their agency/organization, county, or municipality and should have lasting implications to open space conservation throughout the state. Nominees should show outstanding leadership achievement through acquisition, land management actions, community engagement, public safety, and/or public policy.

Outstanding Achievement in Community Partnership and Collaboration

This award recognizes achievements made in open space conservation, management, or community engagement through partnerships and collaborative efforts. The nominee's work should include at least two or more contributing organizations which demonstrate that through collaboration, they have achieved outstanding accomplishments in open space preservation and conservation. Partnerships may include open space agencies, nonprofit entities, business groups, community organizations, local, state, and/or federal government programs or divisions.

Outstanding Visitor Engagement Program

This award is presented to an open space organization that shows innovation and leadership in volunteer engagement, environmental education, interpretation, and/or diversity and inclusion practices. Nominees must demonstrate that they have engaged in creative and exemplary work that enhances the visitor experience through education programs, volunteer opportunities, interpretive media, and/or other innovative public engagement strategies.

Outstanding Achievement in Ecological Restoration or Recreation Management

This award recognizes projects or programs that have demonstrated exceptional accomplishments in ecological restoration or recreation management resulting in the conservation/protection of natural resources, enhancements in the health of a landscape, and/or the improvement of an open space area to promote safe and sustainable recreational practices. This award may also recognize innovative and successful research and monitoring programs as well as the development of sustainable recreational facilities.



2019 Blue Grama Awards
Colorado Open Space Alliance

Nomination Guidelines

Application Instructions: Nominations may not exceed 3 pages in length. Photos and video should be sent as attachments with your application package. Please email your completed application package as a PDF to Bevin Carithers at bcarithers@bouldercounty.org. **Applications are due by Tuesday, July 16, 2019.**

Nominator's Name, Title & Organization	
Nominator's Email & Phone Number	
Nominee's Name, Title & Organization (if different than nominator)	
Nominee's Email & Phone Number (if different than nominator)	
Award Category	

Please address each section in your application as outlined below.

Section I: Describe the project, program, person, or organization's accomplishments as they relate to the award category noted above.

Section II: How does this project, program, person, or organization demonstrate outstanding achievement in the nomination category? Please describe how the nominee reflects open space conservation values in the community. How has this nominee facilitated a long-term solution for the protection and/or improvement of natural, cultural, and/or recreational resources?

Section III: What impact has this project, program, person, or organization had in your community? What impact has the nominee had statewide? Does your nominee provide a recognized public benefit or make creative use of organizational/organizational resources?