



Montana
**ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP
AWARD PROGRAM**

Environmental Stewardship Award Nomination

Each year, the Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA) honors a Montana ranch that exemplifies environmental stewardship and demonstrates a commitment toward improved sustainability within the beef industry. This award recognizes Montana ranchers who are at the forefront in conservation and stewardship and are willing to serve as examples for other ranchers. **Please submit nomination applications to the keni@mtbeef.org by June 25, 2020.**

Nominee

Name: _____

Ranch Name: _____

Location of Ranch: _____

Nominator

Name: _____

Employer: _____

Position: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

How do you know the Nominee? _____

Why should the nominee be considered for the Environmental Stewardship Award? Tell us briefly about their conservation practices, partnerships or environmental efforts:

How has this nominee been a leader in the industry or conservation community?



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Application Deadlines

- Applications for the Montana Environmental Stewardship Award are due on **June 25, 2020**.
- Applications can be sent to keni@mtbeef.org or mailed to MSGA's office at 420 N. California St., Helena, MT 59601
- Past Montana ESAP winners can be found at mtbeeffoundation.org
- Applications may be submitted at an earlier date for review/critique by MSGA staff.

Rules and Process

- Ranches may be nominated by anyone, including themselves. The ranch must be a member of the Montana Stockgrowers Association and NCBA.
- Applicants will agree to a ranch visit by Montana Stockgrowers staff for photography, video interviews, and other digital material as a part of the application process. Material may be used as promotional material for Montana ESAP and Montana Stockgrowers Association.
- The applications will be evaluated by a committee, which will include, but is not limited to MSGA Board Members; past Montana, Regional and National Environmental Stewardship Award winners; Montana Beef Council; Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation.
- The evaluation committee will rank the applications on a pre-determined scale. The committee will then approach nominees, starting with the highest-ranking nomination and moving down, to make sure the top choice is interested in receiving the award and moving on to the next level in the process.
- Once a winner is determined, the winner will be announced at the MSGA MidYear Meeting.
- MSGA staff will then work with the winner to prepare their application for the Regional and National Award competition, which is typically due in late February/early March of the following year.

Questions? Please contact Keni Reese at keni@mtbeef.org or 406-603-4024