



# Adirondack-Catskill Chapter of Safari Club International

## Young Hunter Award

### **Description:**

The SCI Adirondack-Catskill Chapter Young Hunter Award was created to introduce young people to the joys of hunting and the outdoors. It is our young people who will carry on promoting the sport of hunting and SCI believes it is important to encourage and support their efforts.

### **Criteria:**

- The candidate must be younger than 18 years old at the time of his or her achievement and at least 14 years old when receiving the award.
- The candidate need not be related to an SCI member.
- The nomination must be received within 12 months of the candidate's accomplishment, or most recent accomplishment if there is more than one.
- The award may be given for a variety of accomplishments or for a single action. Examples of accomplishments to be considered are trophies collected, special animal taken without assistance, special conservation efforts or unusual, heroic deeds related to hunting.

### **Nomination Process:**

Any member of the Adirondack-Catskill SCI chapter may nominate a young hunter. Attached to the ACSCI member's letter of nomination, the nominee must include a letter describing his/her achievements in hunting, conservation or education. Nominations can be submitted by mail, email or fax:

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### **Deadline and Awards Period:**

All nominations must be received by December 1<sup>st</sup> to be considered during the committee's annual review of candidates. The recipient is selected by February 1<sup>st</sup> and will be notified by mail. The award presentation is at the Chapter's annual banquet.

### **Selection Process:**

A youth may receive the Young Hunter Award only once. Once nominated, the youth may remain a candidate until the age of 18 or until becoming a recipient of the award. To remain a candidate for the award, the youth must update their portfolio annually with information about additional hunting activities, achievements or projects completed since their nomination was submitted. The recipient of the award is selected by the Board of Directors and the Young Hunter Committee members. If a candidate is nominated by a member of the Board of Directors or the Young Hunter Committee, that member will recuse him/herself from the selection process.

### **Award Presentation:**

A special plaque is presented to the annual award recipient during the Adirondack-Catskill SCI Banquet. In addition, the Young Hunter recipient will be awarded a paid seven-day session, including round trip airfare, at the American Wilderness Leadership School Program near Jackson, Wyoming.