

AMERICAN PHEASANT & WATERFOWL SOCIETY

BREEDER AWARD EXPLANATION

The American Pheasant and Waterfowl Society advocates and promotes interest in the conservation, preservation, and breeding of pheasants, waterfowl, upland, aquatic, and ornamental birds. In appreciation of our members' dedication and commitment to their birds, the Society developed the Breeder Award. The recipients of these awards are announced at the yearly convention banquet. Articles about the breeding programs of recipients are later printed in the APWS Magazine. An attractive certificate, suitable for framing, is mailed to each recipient after the convention.

POINTS TO REMEMBER WHEN APPLYING FOR AN AWARD

You may apply for an award for yourself or you may nominate a deserving breeder for an award. Please make sure all information written on the application is complete and correct.

These awards are primarily based on the birds raised by the nominated breeder during the current breeding season.

Only list birds necessary for that category and division.

Consideration for an award will be based on:

1. The number of birds raised to **at least six weeks of age** based on the number of breeding pairs
2. Significant achievement and/or probability of breeding.

It is mandatory that applicants include **with the application:**

1. four or more pictures of the birds for which the award is to be presented, the pens, facilities, and the applicant

2. a letter or short article giving the applicant's background and information about his/her breeding program and breeding results. The photographs and the letter or the article must be included with the Breeder Award Application in order to assist the members of the Breeder Award Committee in making their decision.

Individuals applying for a Master Breeder Award or a First Breeding Award should expect this committee to check with clubs and organizations of which the applicant is a member, and with other breeders in the local area or of the same species prior to presentation of the award. In order for the committee to make a decision, it is mandatory that the applicant attach a list of clubs, organizations, and breeders aware of the applicant's achievements.

The society's directors have the power to decide on one or more recipients in each category per year. If no one qualifies for a particular category, the award will not be given that year.

No member may receive awards in any one category more than once for the same species of birds.

BREEDER CATEGORIES

BEGINNER AWARD: applicant has been a breeder for less than five years.

NOVICE AWARD: applicant has been a breeder for at least five years and has never received an award.

INTERMEDIATE BREEDER: applicant has been a breeder for at least five years (or) has received a Novice or Beginner Award.

MASTER BREEDER: applicant has been a breeder for at least ten years (or) has received an Intermediate Award.

FIRST BREEDING: applicant is not required to have received a previous award. Applicant must substantiate the breeding **and rearing of birds to 1 year of age** with both photographs and verification letters from at least two other breeders in good standing with APWS.

ZOOLOGICAL COLLECTION AWARD: applicant must be a zoo or other public institution or a private collection open to the public and exhibiting birds found within the award divisions.

The above breeder categories have several **divisions** within which application is to be made: Cranes, Ducks, Geese, Swans, Pheasants, Grouse, Quail, Partridges, Francolins, etc and Mixed Collections. For example, an application might be made for **Novice Breeder - Swans** or an application might be made for **Intermediate Breeder - Pheasants**.