

Awards of the Colorado Archaeological Society

The Colorado Archaeological Society presents three awards for contributions to Colorado archaeology and to the Society. The award nominations are reviewed by an awards committee using the criteria presented below. The awards are presented at the annual meeting, and published in the newsletter and *Southwestern Lore*. Nominations may be submitted via email or by traditional mail.

The C.T. Hurst Award, first given in 1980, is named for one of the founders of the Colorado Archaeological Society. This award, also referred to as the “Silver Trowel Award”, is given to individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to Colorado archaeology. These contributions could include excavation and survey projects, collections research, extensive publication for professional and public audiences, and long-time service to agencies, universities, and/or private companies.

- Nomination due date: August 15th each year.
- The nomination should include: the nomination form (available on CAS website), a nomination narrative (2-6 pages) that details the contributions and significance of the nominee’s work (in particular reference to Colorado Archaeology), and a curriculum vitae or a detailed work history of the nominee.

The Ivor K. Hagar Award, first given in 1996, is named for a widely recognized avocational archaeologist and long-time Colorado Archaeological Society Member. This award is given to those individuals who have made outstanding long-term contributions to the Colorado Archaeological Society either at the state or chapter level. These contributions will likely include serving in officer roles (President, Treasurer, etc.) but must also include notable efforts in outreach, research, publication or some other capacity above an officer role.

- Nomination due date: August 15th each year.
- The nomination should include: the nomination form (available on CAS website), a nomination narrative (2-6 pages) that details the contributions and significance of the nominee’s work (in particular reference to the Colorado Archaeological Society), and a resume, curriculum vitae, or work history of the nominee.

The Chapter Achievement Award, first given in 1996, is sometimes known as the “Mini-Trowel” Award. It is given to persons who have made notable contributions at the state or chapter level of the Colorado Archaeological Society. It may be given for an important contribution or for extended service to the organization. CAS Chapter Presidents normally nominate their chapter members for the Achievement Award on behalf of their local chapter. Typically no more than one to two chapter members are recognized in any given year. CAS members are eligible for multiple Chapter Achievement Awards, although the awards committee suggests a 5 year period between re-submitting nominations for an additional Achievement award.

- Nomination due date: September 1st each year.
- The nomination should include: the nomination form (available on CAS website) and a nomination narrative (one paragraph) that details the contributions of the nominee.