



**AAZK, Inc. Lee Houts Excellence in Enrichment Award**

Deadline for nominations is **MAY 1<sup>st</sup>** of each year.

**Qualifications:**

1. The nominee may be an individual, group, project or program in any North American zoo, aquarium, or related facility that has improved the well-being of an animal or group of animals through outstanding **keeper-initiated** enrichment techniques.
2. Nominees **must** have excelled in one or more of the following categories:
  - Innovative techniques developed, implemented and evaluated.
  - Creative fundraising efforts implemented which increased the availability of enrichment items for staff to utilize.
  - Motivation of staff, volunteers and peers through development of an enrichment infrastructure that increased participation in in-house programs or disseminated information to the zoo community to advance the art and science of environmental enrichment.
3. The nominee **must** be nominated by a keeper.

**Award Nominations should be submitted to:**

**Janet McCoy, Awards Chair**

**846 NW 170th Dr.**

**Beaverton, OR 97006 or**

**submit electronically to: [janet.mccoy@aazk.org](mailto:janet.mccoy@aazk.org)**

Nominee's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution:

Institution's Address:

Phone Number:

Director:

Recommended by: "Go ckn"

**List and document outstanding achievements in one or more of the following categories. Verification of these facts must be signed by the zoo director, curator, or immediate supervisor of the nominee.**

- 1) **Innovative techniques developed, implemented and evaluated.**

**2) Creative fundraising efforts implemented which increased the availability of enrichment items for staff to utilize.**

**3) Motivation of staff, volunteers and peers through development of an enrichment infrastructure that increased participation in in-house programs or disseminated information to the zoo community to advance the art and science of environmental enrichment.**

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