

2026 ASDSO Awards Program

REGIONAL DAM SAFETY AWARDS

***NOTE: This award has replaced the Regional Awards of Merit. Closely review the criteria below before submitting a nomination.**

OVERVIEW

Regional Dam Safety Awards recognize smaller projects, dam owners, and other entities that have made an impact at a local, county, state, or regional level. While efforts may not be state-of-the-art or impact the industry nationally, recipients have made exemplary community contributions. The awards recognize collaboration, community impact, innovative funding, and cost-effectiveness. They also recognize social and environmental responsibility.

Recipients could include:

- Dam owners or operators of dams that have shown marked improvement in maintaining or rehabilitating their dam(s) and/or their dam safety programs.
- Individuals who have made exemplary contributions to dam safety in their communities.
- Dam owners who have completed a rehabilitation that benefits a specific area, state, or region, but the project does not rise to the level of the National Dam Rehabilitation Project of the Year Award.

This award is not intended to recognize contributions to ASDSO as an organization, specific state or federal dam safety programs, or dam safety officials.

One Regional Dam Safety Award will be presented in each ASDSO region. ASDSO regions can be found at <https://damsafety.org/regions>.

PROCEDURES

- All nominations must use the attached PDF form. Nominations may be sent to Awards@Damsafety.org.
- The deadline for nomination is May 1, 2026.
- ASDSO regional representatives will select a recipient from their region. Some nominations may also be reviewed by state representatives in the region.
- The state representative must approve the nomination. ASDSO will forward nominations to the proper state representative for approval.
- Award recipients will be notified in July 2026. Award recipients will be recognized at an awards luncheon on August 31, 2026, held in conjunction with the Dam Safety 2026 national conference Raleigh, North Carolina.
- Award recipients will be recognized in select Dam Safety 2026 materials, on the ASDSO website, in *The Journal of Dam Safety*, and ASDSO's Fiscal Year 2027 Annual Report.

Completed forms should be submitted to Awards@Damsafety.org.

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Phone Number: _____

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Attach up to Five High-Quality Photos to Submission Email

CONTRIBUTIONS

Provide a Description of Nominee's Contributions to Dam Safety in Their Community

Paragraph form should be used. Descriptions should be between 300 and 750 words.