



Texas Children in Nature Network Champions Awards Criteria 2025

Overarching Criteria – Nomination should clearly demonstrate how the nominee works to connect children to nature and how this work directly or indirectly benefits children and families. Nominees are encouraged to be partners of TCiNN. Greater weight will be given to active participants within the network.

- **Emerging Leaders** (ages 14-29; ex. student, intern, volunteer, emerging professionals)

Work in this category is fresh, creative, inspires & engages their peers and community, is something that could work in other places, and is impactful.

- **Individual** (ex. teacher, community leader, volunteer)

Work in this category is innovative, creative, scalable, adaptable to other regions, and engages TCiNN partners and supporters. It includes multidisciplinary collaboration (i.e., public health, business sector, diverse groups) and employs high community impact.

- **Organization** (non-profit, governmental, academic)

Project is innovative, creative, scalable, adaptable to other regions, and engages TCiNN partners and supporters. It employs multidisciplinary collaboration (i.e., public health, business sector, diverse groups) and results in tangible on the ground community impact.

- **Corporation** (for-profit company big or small/local)

Connecting children to nature is an important part of the company's core values. This could include financial investment, community engagement, advocacy for access to nature and time spent outdoors, and on the ground projects that work to connect children and families to nature.

Project is innovative, creative, scalable, adaptable to other regions, policy oriented, and engages TCiNN partners and supporters. It includes multidisciplinary collaboration (i.e., public health, business sector, diverse groups) and results in outcomes that are community forward.