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Providing leadership and advocacy for the enhancement of fish and wildlife resources for the benefit of all hunters, anglers and conservationists. Protecting our 2nd Amendment Rights.

John F. Laudadio Conservation Leadership Award

The John Laudadio Conservation Leadership Award is a special annual award presented by the Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen's Club's to honor the life and commitment of John Laudadio to the Natural Resources of the Commonwealth.

John Laudadio, a former Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen's clubs president, and House of Representatives member, was perhaps one of the most influential conservationists in Pennsylvania history. A man with a real devotion to the outdoors, sportsmanship, and the conservation of our natural resources; who upon his return from the fox-holes of the European theatre of World War II, was disheartened by the effects of acid mine drainage and poor mining practices in Pennsylvania near in his home in Westmoreland County. With the support of his sportsman colleges he began his campaign in Sportsmen's Clubs with a slogan on a beer glass "*Join the fight for clean water, vote for John Laudadio*".

He went forward leading the charge for sweeping changes to the Pennsylvania Clean Streams Laws, and the passage of 28 crucial conservation laws including the All Surface Mining Act, the Clean Air Act, and the first recycling legislation of the Commonwealth.

John Laudadio is often described as a difficult man, in fact "*a bull in a china shop*," but he was also blessed with the ability to form partnerships. He embraced individuals for a common goal, from both sides of the aisle, and to those that disagreed he proclaimed "*be right on conservation or be gone*."

John Laudadio was known by his friends on the hill as "Mr. Conservation." His legacy continues in the amendment to the Pennsylvania Constitution that he co-sponsored that guarantees the people of the commonwealth:

"The right to clean air, pure water, and to the preservation of the natural, scenic, historic and esthetic values of the environment."

In remembrance of John Laudadio the PFSC recognizes a young adult who has demonstrated a commitment to the conservation effort in Pennsylvania. The John F. Laudadio Conservation Leadership Award is not only a great honor to the recipient, but also continues to promote the behavior that John Laudadio would be proud of; a longstanding commitment to the conservation of our valuable natural resources.

CONSERVATION PLEDGE

I give my pledge as an American, to save and faithfully defend from waste, the natural resources of my country, its air, soil and minerals, its forests, waters and wildlife.

Instructions for the Application for the John F. Laudadio Conservation Leadership Award

In remembrance of John Laudadio, the Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, since 1978, has recognized young adults who have shown long-term commitment to the conservation effort in the Commonwealth. Purposes of the award are to identify and reward rising young conservationists and publicly recognize their efforts to date, and to encourage their continued participation and performance of leadership functions for the Commonwealth and the Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs.

This is a recognition program, not a contest. Recipients must be no older than 23 years old as of the Spring Convention at which the award is presented. There is no minimum age. Recipients must be residents of Pennsylvania.

Nominations for potential recipients are to be made by the County or Divisions affiliated with the Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs. An application form is to be completed and submitted by the Division and mailed to the state office. (See attached)

Application forms must be received by the State Office no later than September 1. Application packages should also include a resume, description of activities, newspaper clippings, photographs, and/or letters of recommendation. (Materials from application packets will be returned if requested.)

Each Division may submit only one nomination per year. The Laudadio Committee will review and make a recommendation to the PFSC board, who will review submissions during the January board meeting.

Awards will be presented during the Saturday evening banquet of the Spring Convention of the Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs. Recipients will receive notification of the date, location, and other details on or before February 1.

The nominating Division shall be responsible for all expenses related to the award. Expenses include: reimburse the recipient for travel expenses, three (3) banquet tickets, one night's lodging, and costs of the award plaque.

Recipients are encouraged to continue their conservation leadership efforts and activities, including involvement with the Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs and the County and Division Affiliates. Recipients will be given a one (1) year membership to PFSC.

