



Garry Balogh Inspiring Excellence Award

2024 Call for Nominations

Purpose:

The Garry Balogh Inspiring Excellence Award was created to pay tribute to former District Scenic Highway Coordinator Garry Balogh. It is the highest honor bestowed by the Florida Scenic Highways Program. Garry was a leader, innovator, and advocate for the program for 20 years. As a tribute to his dedication and service, this award recognizes the leadership, innovation, stewardship, or inspiring achievements of an individual or organization that has made a significant and lasting impact on one or more scenic highways, scenic highway communities, or the statewide program.

Nominations:

Eligible nominees include **individuals**, **organizations**, or **agencies** that have made significant and lasting impacts on one or more scenic highway, scenic highway community, or the Florida Scenic Highways Program. The deadline for submitting nominations is Friday, **August 30, 2024**.

Each nomination package must include the following information:

- Name, email address and phone number of the person submitting the nomination.
- Name, affiliation, and contact information of the nominee (please include the name of a primary contact person if nominating an organization or agency).
- A compelling narrative description of the leadership, innovation, stewardship, and/or inspiring achievements demonstrated by the nominee. The attached grading form outlines the areas that will be reviewed by the selection committee in making their recommendations back to me.

Please email nominations to Dean Stoddart: Dean.stoddart@dot.state.fl.us by Friday, **August 30, 2024**.

Anticipated award date: late September 2024.

Previous Winners!

(2015) A1A Scenic & Historic Coastal Byway – All American Road

(2016) Jean Wallace – Pensacola Scenic Bluffs

[\(2017\) Glen Burns](#) – Green Mountain & Florida Black Bear Byways

[\(2018\) Dawn Cary](#) – Scenic Sumter Heritage Byway

(2019) Judy Hull – Florida Keys All American Road

(2020) Covid won the award

[\(2021\) Cathie Parrott](#) – JC Penney Memorial Scenic Highway

[\(2022\) Georgia Turner](#) – River of Lakes Heritage Corridor and Florida Black Bear National Scenic Byway.

[\(2023\) Al Abbatiello and Phyllis Abbatiello](#) - William Bartram Scenic Highway

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