ZAA Animal Exhibit Award of Excellence - 2020

The Animal Exhibit Award of Excellence recognizes excellence in the area of new and unique live animal display, exhibit design and construction by a ZAA member. Innovation and your unique approach to animal welfare, husbandry, public appreciation, success in design and operation, educational message and dedication to conservation and breeding as opposed to huge capital spending, is a ZAA imperative. Innovations in exhibit design and development allow more ZAA zoos and aquariums to participate in high quality habitats facilitating species welfare and conservation.

COMPLETION GUIDELINES

Eligibility: Must be a ZAA member. Exhibit must have opened between January 1, 2019 and July 31, 2020.

Deadline: Applications must be received at the ZAA office no later than July 31, 2020.

Multiple award exclusion-This award is designed for recognition of a single exhibit development.

Facilities may apply for both the Animal Exhibit Award of Excellence and a Comprehensive Immersion Exhibit Award during the same award cycle. However, if a facility is awarded the Comprehensive Immersion Exhibits Award (CEA), it cannot also receive the single exhibit, Animal Exhibit Award of Excellence for an exhibit within a CEA development. Vice versa, a facility will not qualify to receive the CEA award if it has received an Animal Exhibit Award of Excellence for an exhibit within the CEA area development.

General information:
- By submitting an application for this award, it is understood that ZAA has been given permission to reprint information for ZAA-related publications.
- Multiple exhibits can be submitted for consideration; however, each must be submitted as a separate entry.
- If you are using a pre-written (published) description of your project summary, it must be limited to one page and include the same information that is requested in the application or attach any missing information to the application.
- Optional: Up to two additional attachments may be submitted in support of your application. (Example: pre-printed articles or media articles)
How to submit:

- Email the completed application and supporting materials to info@zaa.org by the deadline above.
- Applications must be submitted in pdf digital format by email or dropbox.
- All questions must be submitted in the same order as the application.
- Attach a minimum of two photographs with your application which may be utilized for reprint in ZAA publications and conference proceedings.
APPLICATION – ANIMAL EXHIBIT AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

1. Name of facility

2. Name and title of the preparer.
   (This individual will be the contact person for communication regarding the application, any additional information needed, and the award notice if you are chosen as the winner of the award. This person has express permission to act as the point of contact for the institution.)

3. Email and phone of the preparer.

4. Animal Exhibit
   (Include title of the exhibit as used for any media purposes)

5. Species displayed in the exhibit.
   (Include common and scientific name, number of each species, and the capacity that the exhibit may hold)

6. Are you participating in a ZAA Animal Management Program (AMP) or development of a ZAA husbandry manual for this (the exhibit) species?

7. Describe the funding techniques toward developing the exhibit.
   (Example: Capital improvement budget, non-profit fundraising, sponsorship, bond authorization, other)

8. Construction cost per square foot of exhibit
   (Include budgeted estimate and final estimate)

   (Example: in-house, contracted, other)

10. Write a brief, one-page exhibit summary that includes the following information, as applicable:
    • Innovative techniques or materials used
    • Behavioral enrichment details
    • Animal welfare improvements
    • Safety aspects of the exhibit for the keepers and the public
    • Landscape improvements
    • Graphics or educational concepts developed for the exhibit
    • Green or sustainable inclusions in your design
• Positive Results achieved because of the new exhibit
  (Example: were you able to achieve or improve on your animal welfare, safety or behavioral
  enrichment goals for the exhibit)

11. Exhibit effectiveness review format.
  (Example: in-house committee, public survey, facility survey, other)

12. Who may we contact at the institution that will submit an article for the ZAA Journal?

13. Attachments:
  • Two photographs of the exhibit
  • Optional: Up to two support documents