

The Leland Award



Recognizing Professional
Hunting Guides

The Leland Award is presented each year to recognize a deserving individual who exemplifies the qualities that define a remarkable professional hunting guide. The Leland Award was established in 2000 in honour of a young guide who died tragically at the age of 22. The recipient of this award will receive a limited edition bronze, commissioned by the family and designed by wildlife artist Rick Taylor. The Tahltan Guide Outfitters Association is proud to host this years presentation at the Annual Fundraiser and Dance in Dease Lake, BC on November 12th, 2016. Kuiu Ultralight Hunting is also a supporter of this award.

<u>Nominator:</u>	
Address:	
Phone Number:	
Email Address:	
<u>Nominee:</u>	
Outfitters Name:	
Outfitters Contact:	

The nominator shall include a letter of support to describe the nominee and define how they have gone above and beyond in their profession.

Nominations can be submitted by email to tahltanguideoutfitters@gmail.com. Nominations will be accepted until **October 31st**, for the current year's Presentation.

After a review of all submissions, an independent selection committee will choose the most outstanding recipient.

To be eligible for this award the Nominee must be a Certified Hunting Guide in BC and have a clean record from any wildlife infractions or violations, negative social media attention, or unprofessional actions that may negatively affect the guide outfitting industry.



Example Nomination Form:

<u>Nominator:</u>	John Smith
Address:	Box 123 Idaho Falls, ID 78772
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Email Address:	johnsmithhunter@gmail.com
<u>Nominee:</u>	Jack Black
Outfitters Name:	Outreach Outfitters
Outfitters Contact:	outreachoutfitters@gmail.com

Example Letter of Support:

Dear Leland Award Selection Committee,

I would like to nominate my guide Jack Black, of Outreach Outfitters. I recently returned from an amazing experience in BC where I spend two weeks in the wilderness with a great young man named Jack. I have been on numerous hunting trips such as this one, but what stood out in my mind was the hard work and superb personality of my guide, which really made my trip into a fantastic adventure. Everyday for two weeks Jack always had a positive attitude and wacky sense of humour. We had three days of stuck in the tent rain, and yet Jack never let it get us down. We spent the time preparing the camp, cutting wood, fixing gear and had many laughs by the fire. When the weather broke his knowledge of the area, his respect for the wildlife and wilderness and his awesome hunting abilities shone bright. He was a patient leader to the fresh wrangler in camp and always included everyone as part of the team. He led me to a fantastic caribou, and was competent every step of the way. I was able to feel comfortable and trusting of such a young man, who obviously was home in these wild lands. He had great skill when it came to gutting and caping the animal, loading the horses with the meat, and leading us back to our camp. After a long and tiring day, Jack cooked up a spectacular caribou tenderloin dinner with a smile on his face. I feel that my guide made my trip extra special as he went above and beyond every single day and is a most deserving recipient to this award. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

John Smith