



## Past WWOA Award Winners

### George Bernauer Award

1960 John Wallendahl - Waupun  
1961 Henry Hesig - Milwaukee  
1963 Virgil Hammond - Fennimore  
1969 Philip Cieslek - Mosinee  
1973 John Allen - Chippewa Falls  
1974 Ralph Hanson - Antigo  
1975 Al Winter - Kaukauna  
1976 Leo Templeton - Manitowoc  
1977 Karl Zuehlke - Eau Claire  
1978 John Wagner - Waukesha  
1979 Tom O'Keefe - Hudson  
1980 Stan Budrys - Racine  
1981 Henry Tork - Stevens Point  
1982 Clyde Lehman - Chippewa Falls  
1984 Beverlee Thivierge - Iron River  
1985 Larry Ernest - Milwaukee MSD  
1986 Robert Thompson - Green Bay MSD  
1987 Roger Sherman - Fort Atkinson  
1988 James Kohl - WDNR, Milwaukee  
1989 Paul Nehm - Madison MSD  
1990 Carl J. Blabaum - WDNR, Madison  
1991 Gerald G. Selin - Kenosha  
1992 Pete Albers - Kewaskum  
1993 Dr. Koby Crabtree - U.W. Wausau  
1994 J. Willard Debauche Jr. - Green Bay MSD  
1995 Arthur E. Peterson - U.W. Madison  
1996 Richard Birner - Milwaukee MSD  
1997 Dean Falkner - Sheboygan  
1998 Don Lythjohan - Madison MSD  
1999 None Given  
2000 George Bowman - WDNR - Madison  
2001 John Leonhard - Fond du Lac  
2002 Don Ceplina - Stevens Point  
2003 Dennis Harmer - Kenosha  
2004 Wally Thom - City of Rice Lake  
2005 Dan Busch - Green Bay MSD

**Koby Crabtree Award**

1995 Kenneth L. Sedmak - Sheboygan  
1996 Don Voigt - Cedarburg  
1997 James G. Shaw - Germantown  
1998 Pat Gomez - Fond du Lac  
1999 Mike Raynovic - North Central Labs  
2000 Roy Lembke WDNR - Madison  
2001 Dan Busch - Green Bay MSD  
2002 Mike Humcke - Environmental Resources  
2003 (none given)  
2004 Glenn Smeaton  
2005 Bill Martin - Donohue & Associates

**Service Award**

1975 Robert Thompson - Green Bay  
1976 A.E. Becher, Jr. - Schofield  
1977 Victor Pfeiffer - Milwaukee  
1978 Gene Allen - Madison  
1979 Bill Lamers - Plymouth  
1979 A.E. Becher, Jr. - Schofield  
1980 Ward Holz - Rothschild  
1980 Joe Homel - De Pere  
1982 Ken Maki - Rothschild  
1983 Robert Deering - Green Bay  
1984 Roger Sherman - Fort Atkinson  
1985 Robert & Barb Thompson - Green Bay  
1986 Paul Nehm - Madison  
1987 Lynda Bentley - Green Bay  
1987 Carol Townsend - Green Bay  
1988 Gary K. Coates - Donohue, Milwaukee  
1990 Joe Gehin - Wausau  
1991 John F. Budde - Brookfield  
1992 Leo Templeton - Manitowoc  
1993 None Given  
1994 Georgia Williamson - Milwaukee  
1995 Hubert Jensen - Elkhorn  
1996 Tom Nelson - Milwaukee  
1997 LaMont Albers - West Bend  
1998 Vern Handrick - Minocqua  
1999 Carol Strackbein - Sanitaire  
2000 Scott Thompson - Green Bay  
2001 Gary Hanson - Earth Tech, Sheboygan  
2002 Bill DeBauche Jr. - De Pere  
2003 Peg O'Donnell - WI DNR Madison  
2005 Jeff Haack - WDNR

**Regional Operator of the Year Awards  
North Central Region Award**

1974 Henry Boorse - Edger  
1975 Duwayne Jenson - Spencer  
1976 Henry Tork - Stevens Point  
1977 Arthur Hilber - Marathon  
1978 John Lewis - Whiting  
1979 Steve Duebler - Wausau  
1980 Robert LaFrenier - Lakeland, Minocqua  
1981 Lester Lafter - Wisconsin Rapids  
1982 Lawrence Lovsletten - Tomahawk  
1983 John (Jack) B. Hofele - Merrill  
1984 Fred Minnich - Wausau  
1985 Donald Ceplina - Stevens Point  
1986 John Carey - Mosinee  
1987 Dave Dombrowski - Amherst  
1988 Ronald W. Dickrell - Marshfield  
1989 Richard Boden - Plover  
1990 Kevin Brewster - Eagle River  
1991 William Balz - Athens  
1992 Kenneth Johnson - Rib Mountain Metro  
1993 William Collins - Elroy  
1994 Thomas J. Zager - Wisconsin Rapids  
1995 Larry J. Heindl - Marathon  
1996 Grant Groeschel - Rib Mountain Metro  
1997 None Given  
1998 Bob Yurroch - New Lisbon  
1999 Joe Tenneson - Minocqua  
2000 Larry Weinfurter - Blenker Sherry  
2001 Richard Heinritz - Rib Mountain  
2002 Jerry Brehm - Vesper  
2003 Eric Niffenegger - Stevens Point  
2004 James Riege - City of Wausau  
2005 Dan Dvorak - Village of Edgar

### **West Central Region Award**

1974 Edward Jenson - Bloomer  
1975 Clarence Robertson - Luck  
1976 Clifford Bickle - Tomah  
1977 Alvin Lee - Gays Mills  
1978 Leon Gary - Hudson  
1979 Larry Marcks - Pepin  
1980 Elmer Rudesill - Baldwin  
1981 Everett Berg - Whitehall  
1982 Vincent Karasch - Independence  
1983 Jerry Kitelinger - Tomah  
1984 Tom Lande - Menomonie  
1985 Dick Carlson - Cadott  
1986 Bruce Allen - Fort McCoy  
1987 Gary Risen - Mondovi

1988 Gerald Larson - River Falls  
1989 Julie Smith - Menomonie  
1990 James Schreiber - Hudson  
1991 Robert Naves - Boyd  
1992 Bernard Wopat - Stoddard  
1993 Donald Tinjun - Stanley  
1994 William L. Batten - Desoto  
1995 Darrel Ziethow - Sparta  
1996 Tom Adams - Sparta  
1997 Don Gutting - River Falls  
1998 Gary Newton - Baldwin  
1999 Ramon Knudtson - Melrose  
2000 Terry Stamm - Elk Mound  
2001 John Bond - Roberts  
2002 Larry Marcks - Pepin  
2003 Gary Sweeney - Durand  
2004 Mark Flock - City of Sparta  
2005 Jeff Dejarlais - La Crosse Wastewater Utility

**Lake Michigan Region Award**

1975 Leland Minton - Weyauwega  
1976 Roger Kapellan - New Holstein  
1977 George Krueger - Oconto  
1978 Darwin Drake - Shawano Lake SD  
1979 Harland (Bud) Schuelke - Neenah/Menasha  
1980 Gene Sorenson - Waupaca  
1981 Russell Thompson - King  
1982 Matt Schuh - Chilton  
1983 Bill Van Roy - Oneida  
1984 Ervin (Bob) Pieteron - Oconto Falls  
1985 David Benner - De Pere  
1986 Donald Shillin - Kewaunee  
1987 Raymond Schultz - Two Rivers  
1988 David Carlson - Grand Chute/Menasha West  
1989 Richard Elmergreen - Seymour  
1990 Michael Geurts - Kiel  
1991 Steven R. Tice - Clintonville  
1992 Andy Froemming - Bonduel  
1993 Steven Jacobson - Sister Bay  
1994 James H. Krueger - Denmark  
1995 James R. Kirk - Kaukauna  
1996 Bob Salmi - Ephraim  
1997 Joel JoDarski - Silver Lake  
1998 Jeff Weinreis - Reedsville  
1999 Mike Kwiatkowski - Black Creek  
2000 Bob Brull - Two Rivers  
2001 John Schoen - Seymour  
2002 Louis Dresen - New London

2003 Brian Helminger – Shawano  
2004 Larry Lambries – City of Two Rivers  
2005 Frank Dart - Maribel WWTF, Kellnersville WWTF, Kossuth Sanitary District #2

**Northwest Region Award**

1974 Michael Bonney - Bayfield  
1975 Lee Holmes - Phillips  
1976 Paul Solberg - Ashland  
1977 Leonard Burkman - Hawkins  
1978 Alvin Roen - Rice Lake  
1979 Frank Richter - Cameron  
1980 Al Schaff - Medford  
1981 Beverlee Thivierge - Iron River  
1982 Thomas Rogers - Ladysmith  
1983 Bill Miller - Superior  
1984 Terry Teeters - Prentice  
1985 Jerry Miller - Ashland  
1986 Bea Laakkonen - Superior  
1987 George Siebert - Telemark Lodge  
1988 Bill Rogers - Stone Lake SD  
1989 Milo Kadlec - Hazyward  
1990 Wally Thom - Rice lake  
1991 John Fales - Medford  
1992 Michael P. McGinnis - Chetek  
1993 Robert Briemeister - Clear Lake  
1994 Michael P. Magee - Rice Lake  
1995 Rodney Peterson - Barron  
1996 Steve Brand - Ashland  
1997 Jerry Chartaw - Cumberland  
1998 Randy Baldauf - Mercer  
1999 Chris Jackson - Clear Lake  
2000 Dave Bailey - City Forest Corp. Ladysmith  
2001 Ruby Staub - Hayward  
2002 Michael Danen – Stetsonville  
2003 (none given)  
2004 Bruce Degerman  
2005 Rick Graser - Mercer Sanitary District #1

**Southeast Region Award**

1975 Peter Albers - Kewaskum  
1976 Donald Zacharias - Burlington  
1977 Marvin Schwenn - Kenosha  
1978 William Hilgendorf - Germantown  
1979 Robert Boivin - Cedarburg  
1980 Richard Neterval - Oconomowoc  
1981 William Kerlinske - Hartford  
1982 Gary Hanson - Union Grove

1983 Edmund Krueger - Grafton  
1984 Robert Hyde - Delahart  
1985 Jerry Selin - Kenosha  
1986 Milwaukee MSD, Jones Island  
Jeff Potrykus, Avtar Sandhu, Leonard Aprahamian, Robert Paul,  
Ron Czarnecki, Leonard Kieliszewski, Georgia Williamson,  
George Schneider, Harold Bjorkquist, Ken Winiger, Don Kutz  
& Robert Moser  
1987 Robert Williams - Silver Lake  
1988 Steve Miller - Walworth County MSD  
1989 Brian Schultz - Jackson  
1990 Robert H. Shepstone - Lake Geneva  
1991 Dean Fisher - Whitewater  
1992 Tom Rossmiller - East Troy  
1993 Joseph Mueller - Port Washington  
1994 Connie Wilson - Scherrer Burlington  
1995 Michael Becker - West Bend  
1996 Jeff Bratz - Eagle Lake SD  
1997 Larry Zickert - Elkart Lake  
1998 Russ Weigel - Brookfield  
1999 Dean Falkner - Sheboygan  
2000 Dean Dorner - Fontana Walworth  
2001 Pete Conine - Waukesha  
2002 Dennis Harmer - Kenosha  
2003 John Wrzeszcz - Genoa City  
2004 Gary Buntrock - Village of Fredonia  
2005 John Erickson - Twin Lakes WWTP

### **Southern Region Award**

1975 William Staab - Beaver Dam  
1976 Gerald Ellifson - Monroe  
1977 Roger Sherman - Fort Atkinson  
1978 Wilmer Keller - Richland Center  
1979 Vincent Adrian - Cassville  
1980 Dale Stiller - Madison  
1980 Dennis Westhuis - Waupun  
1981 Henry Opferman - New Glarus  
1982 Roger Geisler - Boscobel  
1983 John Weiss - Palmyra  
1984 Lee Maxwell - Evansville  
1985 Charles Farr - Stoughton  
1986 Robert McAusland - Madison MSD  
1987 Neil Osterberg - Berlin  
1988 Jerry Carroll - Lancaster  
1989 Dale Neis - Dickeyville  
1990 Richard D. McKee - Baraboo  
1991 Herbert Jones - Portage  
1992 Forrest Perry - Milton

1993 John Krug - Sun Prairie  
1994 Paul R. Christensen - Fort Atkinson  
1995 Floyd Finney - Beloit  
1996 Tom Scanlon - Reedsburg  
1997 Harry "Air" Mathos - Beloit  
1998 Randy Herwig - Lodi  
1999 Guy Loeffel - Monticello  
2000 Howard Hemmer - Beloit  
2001 Dennis Egge - Janesville  
2002 Wally Luttenberger - Waupun  
2003 Eugene Doro - Baraboo  
2004 Les Grant - City of Wisconsin Dells/Village of Lake Delton  
2005 Steve Nighbor - Alto Dairy CO-OP

**Honorary Members**

2005 Pete Albers

**Scholarship**

2005 Sara Driver - UW-Milwaukee