**COOP Award Nomination Form:**

Use this form to nominate an Observer for either the John Campanius Holm Award or the Thomas Jefferson Award.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Observers with a minimum of 20 years of service who are highly esteemed for their high quality of service are eligible for the Holm Award. Eligibility for the Jefferson Award begins five years after the observer received the Holm Award. The Jefferson Award is conferred on the five best candidates nominated that year. The field office's NWSREP or his/her designee answers all questions in this form, and when completed, prints this form. The NWSREP supplements this form with three winter season monthly observation forms (Nov - Mar) and three summer season forms (May - Sep). In addition, letters of endorsement, examples of observer achievement, news articles, and photos, are strongly encouraged. This information is limited to ten (10) printed pages.

The complete package is limited to 25 printed pages. This includes six observational forms and pages resulting from the 35 question nomination form itself. **All printed pages including the supplements are scanned by the NWSREP into a** **single PDF and emailed to the Regional Cooperative Program Manager (RCPM) by March 31**. The RCPM will rank all received nomination packages and forward the PDFs and ranking list to NWS Headquarters, Office of Observations, Program Management Branch (W/OBS31) for official review and scoring.

**Top of Form**

**1. Name of Observer:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Note: *To see a list of observers eligible for 2020 Holm Award and Jefferson Award, refer to the XLS spreadsheet emailed to you with this form, on/about January 15, 2020.*

**2. Type of Award:** (Check one box, only)

Thomas Jefferson Award

John Campanius Holm Award

**3. COOP Site Name:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**4. COOP Site ID (i.e., 18-7411):**  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**5. Member of Network:** (Check one box, only)

CLIMATE ( A , AB, ABC )

HYDROLOGY ( B, BC )

WEATHER ( C, AC )

**6. Your WFO SID (i.e., LWX):** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**7. Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**8. Your Position or Role in WFO:** (Select one position, only)

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Climate and Weather Elements Observed

**9. Temperature Observation Equipment:**  (Check All That Apply)

Electronic Thermometer

Liquid-In-Glass Thermometer

Other

NONE (Temperature Not Measured)

**10. Precipitation Observation Equipment:**  (Check All That Apply)

Standard Rain Gauge (SRG)

Four-Inch Plastic Gauge

FPR Electronic Gauge F&P Telemetry

Other Type of Rain Gauge

NONE (Precipitation Not Measured)

**11. Snow Observations:**  (Strikethrough All That Apply)

Snowfall

Snow Depth

Snow Water Content

NONE

**12. Daily Weather Phenomenon Reported:**

YES

NO

**13. Soil Temperature Observations:** (Check All That Apply)

Max & Min at Single Depth (i.e., 4-inch)

Max & Min at Multiple Depths (i.e., 2-inch, 4-inch, 8-inch, 12-inch, etc.)

NONE

**14. Pan Evaporation Observation:**  (Check All That Apply)

Stilling Well Hook Gauge

Water Temperature (Maximum, Minimum)

Air Motion (Totalizing Anemometer)

NONE

**15. River Observation (Daily and/or Seasonal):**  (Check All That Apply)

Staff Gauge

Wire Weight Gauge

Profile/Slope Gauge

Other (River Gauge)

NONE

**16. SkyWarn Trained Storm Spotter:**

YES

NO

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**Observer Profile – General**

**17. Observer's Service Begin Date (mm/dd/yyyy):**  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**18. Most Recent Length of Service Award bestowed on this Observer:** (Check one only)

20, 25,  30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80 years.

**19. Year Holm Award was Given, if applicable:**  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**20. Observer(s) Occupation:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**21. Observer's Age:**  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Observer's Reporting Performance**

**22. Reporting Method:** (Check All That Apply)

WxCoder

IV-ROCS

FPR Email

FPR Removable Media

Paper Form (i.e., B-91)

**Comment in the following section, why you believe this candidate is worthy of the Holm Award or the Jefferson Award. Address all of the factors in the questions.**

**23. Describe how the Observer consistently provides accurate and complete weather observations.** Note: *The nominee is understood to be the primary observer who takes 70% of all observations.*

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**24. Does Observer show consistent or remarkable effort to ensure the forecast office receives the monthly data as early as possible? Is Observer aware of your obligation to meet other agency's deadlines and data format?**

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**25. Does Observer make and report observations under hazardous or extreme weather conditions?**

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**26. Does Observer show remarkable effort to provide continuous observations despite illness, emergency absences, equipment failure, and interruptions or delays in communications?**

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**27. Does Observer manage and instruct secondary observers to accommodate additional observational demands resulting from seasonal changes and intensified weather conditions (i.e., snow storms, heavy rain, and drought)?**

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**28. Does Observer work with technical understanding of the controls of instruments and reporting system (i.e., system error messages)? Are technical issues reported to NWSREP in timely manner?**

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**29. Does Observer use good judgment when a problem is encountered and notifies the NWSREP of the issues?**

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**Other Distribution and Outreach**

**30. Does Observer demonstrate remarkable cooperation with NWS and other officials to provide real-time observations for basic and critical weather days to enhance products and services?**

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**31. Does Observer independently prepare or publish climatological data or summaries that contain accurate and continuous data? Is this information issued regularly for a number of months or years?**

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**32. Does Observer demonstrate outstanding enthusiasm for sharing observational knowledge?**

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**33. Does the Observer demonstrate remarkable effort to keep the instruments and shelters**

**clean and unobstructed?**

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**34. Is Observer civic minded and respected by members of the community?**

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**35. CITATION TO APPEAR ON PARCHMENT CERTIFICATE:** Please select one of the 12 citation templates in the following table, and Copy and Paste it into this box. Then edit the Town, State, and Years in service for this nominated observer.

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| **Note:** Deviation from the text given by the Templates is not permitted.  If you believe a template should not be used, then headquarters requires a statement approved by the Regional Cooperative Program Manager and signed by your Regional Director. |
| **TEMPLATE A** - Superior public service for accuracy and reliability  *For superior service in measuring temperature, rainfall, and snow depth from* ***Town, State.*** *Your remarkably accurate daily records that span* ***N years*** *are a valuable resource to the Nation’s climate program and your timely reports are a vital service to the Weather Forecast Office in* ***Name of City, State****.* |
| **TEMPLATE B** - Exemplary service for a lasting contribution to the user community.  *For exemplary reporting of meteorological observations from* ***Town, State****.  Your highly accurate and detailed temperature and precipitation records are a valuable resource to the Nation’s climate and weather programs. Your extraordinary public service for* ***N years*** *will make a lasting contribution to the communities who work to advance agriculture, transportation, and commerce.* |
| **TEMPLATE C** - Outstanding service for additional other observations (i.e., river, evap, etc)  *For your outstanding service in measuring air temperature, precipitation, soil temperature, river level, and snow depth from* ***Town, State****.  Your high quality reports are a vital resource to our Nation’s climate program as well as the Weather Forecast Office in* ***Name of City, State****.  Your explanation and sharing of these reports are a tremendous benefit to your local community.* |
| **TEMPLATE D** - Reports to agricultural officials for drought and flood aid  *For your superior service in reporting precipitation and snow depth from* ***Town, State****.  Your willingness to work with agricultural officials on rainfall data for drought and flood programs exemplifies an outstanding ethic among cooperative observers.* |
| **TEMPLATE E** - River flood reports  *For your outstanding service in reporting precipitation and river levels from* ***Town, State****, for over* ***N years.*** *Your observations are a valuable resource for the National Weather Service's mission of protecting lives and property through timely flood warnings.* |
| **TEMPLATE F** - Hydrologic reports for water supply managers  *For extraordinary service in reporting detailed observations of temperature, precipitation, and snow depth for over* ***N years*** *from* ***Town, State****.  The National Weather Service regards your observations as a vital resource for water supply forecasts of the* ***Named Aquifer / Lake / Basin.*** |
| **TEMPLATE G** - Educational outreach, person to person  *For your exceptionally accurate and reliable hydrometeorological observations from* ***Town, State****, in support of the National Weather Service’s mission.  Your reports are a valuable resource for the recreational activities in* ***locality/State****.  In addition, you inspire students to pursue science careers with your creative ways of teaching.* |
| **TEMPLATE H** - Reports to TV, Radio, Web, News media  *For your superior service in measuring temperature, precipitation, and snow depth for* ***N years*** *from* ***Town, State****.  The excellent observations and summaries you submit to radio, television, and daily newspapers help increase the public's understanding of the state's variable weather.* |
| **TEMPLATE I** - Multigenerational family sites  *For outstanding service in reporting temperature, precipitation, and snow depth from* ***Town, State****.  Your family’s consecutive generations of consistent and diligent work have yielded* ***N years*** *of weather records.  This excellent record is a great resource to the people of the* ***locality or region*** *and strengthens our Nation’s climate program.* |
| **TEMPLATE J** - Enduring personal hardship  *For extraordinary service in measuring temperature, precipitation, and snow depth from Town, State, even during times of personal hardship.  Your consistent and accurate records for* ***N years*** *have become a valuable resource for our Nation’s climate and hydrology programs.* |
| **TEMPLATE K -** Devotion despite illness  *For your outstanding, high quality service in reporting precipitation and temperature from* ***Town, State****.  Even after illness your dedication continues.  The National Weather Service honors your* ***N years*** *of faithful reporting, a testimony to your devotion to public service.* |
| **TEMPLATE L** - Continuity after deceased relative  *For your exemplary service in reporting daily precipitation and temperature from* ***Town, State.****Your thorough and consistent reports honor your late* ***husband’s / wife’s / father’s / mother’s / parents’*** *commitment to the Cooperative Observer Program and are a valuable resource to your local community.* |