

**Safari Club International Lifetime Achievement Award  
Diana Award™  
Applicant Frequently Asked Questions**



Since 1995, the Diana Award—named for the huntress of Roman mythology—has honored the women of SCI whose international hunting achievements reflect exceptional skill, leadership, integrity, and a deep personal commitment to ethical hunting and conservation. Recipients don't just bring trophies home; they set the standard. They model impeccable ethics in the field, an unwavering commitment to SCI's missions, and give back through hands-on conservation and education work. The Diana Award celebrates not only marksmanship and courage, but stewardship and devotion—women who hunt hard and give harder.

To help applicants understand the level of commitment and dedication this award represents, the Diana Award Selection Subcommittee ("Dianas") has prepared the following Frequently Asked Questions.

**1. What criteria do the Dianas consider when selecting a Diana Award recipient?**

The Dianas evaluate each applicant holistically across three core areas: (1) hunting accomplishments, (2) conservation, education, and service accomplishments, and (3) character and sportsmanship. No single factor is determinative.

**2. What factors do the Dianas consider when evaluating an applicant's hunting accomplishments?**

The Dianas evaluate the overall scope, challenge, and quality of an applicant's hunting experience. Factors considered include, but are not limited to:

- Breadth and diversity of species taken, reflecting extensive big game hunting experience across varied habitats and conditions.
- Global geographic range, including hunting experience on multiple continents.
- Degree of difficulty, such as remote locations, physical demands, and hunts requiring exceptional skills or perseverance.
- The nature of the hunt, with free range hunts carrying greater weight than estate hunts.
- Active participation during the application year.

**3. Are there minimum hunting accomplishments required?**

Yes. An applicant must have hunted at least four continents and forty species. Game birds do not count toward species or continent totals, though they may be added under "Additional Hunting Accomplishments." Only species entered in the SCI Record Book or submitted as photo entries will be considered.

**4. Are any specific species required?**

No. Experience with a wide range of challenging game may reflect the level of accomplishment typical of Diana Award recipients, but no individual species is required.

**5. What factors do the Dianas consider when evaluating an applicant's conservation, education, and service accomplishments?**

The Dianas evaluate the overall scope, depth, and impact of the applicant's conservation, education, and service contributions. Factors considered include, but are not limited to:

- Meaningful involvement with SCI through National or chapter leadership, committees, Sables, advocacy efforts, conservation initiatives, or programs such as the Blue Bag program.
- Contributions of time, expertise, leadership, or financial support in furtherance of wildlife conservation, hunting education, or community service.
- Participation in hands-on conservation efforts, including habitat restoration, species protection, anti-poaching, or field-based conservation projects.
- Support for education and mentorship, including youth hunting programs, shooting sports, or efforts to mentor and develop new hunters.

**6. What factors do the Dianas consider when evaluating an applicant's character and sportsmanship?**

The Dianas evaluate an applicant's overall character, integrity, leadership, and ethical approach to hunting based on the application and the Dianas experience. Applicants are expected to exemplify the traits that define a Diana Award recipient.

**7. Is there anything the Dianas will not consider?**

Yes. The Dianas will not consider animals that have not been entered with SCI nor will they review letters of recommendation.

**8. Is there a minimum age?**

Yes. Diana Award recipients must be 27 years old or older. There is no minimum age to apply, as the Dianas encourage young women to pursue the award and to continue building qualifying accomplishments.

**9. How is the Diana Award recipient chosen?**

The application becomes available on the first day of SCI's Convention and must be submitted each award year. Applications are due by August 15, and incomplete applications will not be considered. The SCI Record Book Committee prepares a summary of each applicant's Record Book and photo entries for the Dianas, who meet in September to review the applications and select a recipient by majority vote. The selected recipient is then forwarded to the SCI Awards and Recognition Committee, the Ethics and Code of Conduct Committee, and the Executive Committee for approval. The recipient is notified shortly thereafter, and the award is presented on Saturday evening at the SCI Convention.

**10. Is the award presented each year?**

Not necessarily. If the Dianas determine that no applicant meets the standard in a given year, the award is not presented. The Diana Award was first presented in 1995 and has been presented every year except 2016 and 2022.

