

Hal Foss Award

Establishment of the Award

The award was established in 1974 by the NASAR Board of Directors to recognize significant contributions to search and rescue **AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL**.

The award is granted solely on merit. It may be granted to an individual or to a "unit". It may be granted posthumously and is the most prestigious award presented by NASAR.

The award is named for Hal Foss, who died during a climb in Washington State, was the Washington State SAR Coordinator, and is generally credited with forming the organization that has evolved into NASAR.

Basis for the Award

Any type of contribution to SAR, on a national basis, shall qualify an individual/unit as a nominee for the NASAR Hal Foss Award, providing the following criteria are met:

1. The contribution can be substantiated as having had a demonstrable consequence on national search and rescue. Evidence must be included in the nomination.
2. The contribution must be shown to be independent of service to NASAR or to some other organization, although the contribution may have been rendered through such organization (i.e., the result of the contribution must have an end use beyond the organization).
3. Contribution must be clearly shown to have gone beyond the scope of a state or smaller political entity, or of an organization.
4. The contribution must be shown to have had a positive consequence on the "victims" or potential "victims" of SAR.
5. The contribution can be in the form of a single act or action, or sustained effort over a period of time.
6. The outcome or results, rather than the process of the contribution, must be described and substantiated in the nomination package.