

## NOMINATION CRITERIA AND PRIORITIES

For the 2024 Goldman Environmental Prize

### **Criteria**

All nominees must meet the following criteria:

- The individual has attained a **recent, specific environmental achievement**. The achievement:
  - Occurred **during or after April 2020**, and
  - Was accomplished through **grassroots activism**

Note: The Prize only accepts nominations of individuals; on rare occasions, we will consider duos.

### **What we look for in a nominee:**

- Works directly in the field creating positive environmental change through community participation
- Achievement has inspired others
- Leadership has resulted in a significant impact beyond their community
- Collaborates with networks, organizations, or governments
- Respected by their communities and colleagues
- Are part of the community where they do their work
- Go above and beyond paid job responsibilities to accomplish their work

**Note: Personal risk or danger are NOT requirements but are taken into consideration.**

### **The Prize is NOT given:**

- For multiple achievements over many years (lifetime achievement)
- To executives of large NGOs as part of their paid job responsibilities
- To government or corporate officials, unless they are nominated for work done outside the scope of their formal responsibilities
- For academic achievements
- For raising awareness on an issue
- For organizing large meetings, summits or conferences
- Posthumously
- For nominations of more than two people or for communities

\*Please see our website for a full list of Prize winner achievements:

<https://www.goldmanprize.org/recipient-list/>

## TERMS FOR NOMINATORS

### **Confidentiality**

Confidentiality is critical to the integrity of our process. **Please do not advise nominees** that they are being nominated for the Goldman Environmental Prize. Do not reveal the identity of your nominees to others except references or colleagues who assist in preparing the nomination. **Please ensure that references and colleagues respect this confidentiality.**

### **Honorarium**

- We provide \$1,000 per accepted nomination, with a limit of up to three nominations per nominator per year.
- We provide an additional \$2,000 for each nomination that advances to semifinalist.
- We provide an additional \$2,000 for each semifinalist that advances to finalist status.
- The honorarium is provided only for complete nominations that meet our criteria.

**Individual nominators may accept the honorarium personally or have the funds directed to their organization. Honoraria will not be sent to nominees or their affiliated organizations. Honoraria cannot be divided and sent to more than one recipient. Any nominator may decline their honorarium.**

### **Nomination Parameters**

- The Goldman Prize uses a two-step nomination process:
  - **Preliminary nominations:** (new nominations) are due March 1, 2023. A preliminary nomination asks the nominator to briefly explain the achievement for which the nominee is being recognized, the background of the problem or issue, how the nominee used grassroots strategies and the significance of the environmental achievement. Nominators will need to include two professional references for each nomination.
  - **Full nominations:** If a nomination advances to the semifinalist round, Prize staff will contact nominators mid-March to request a full nomination. The full nomination will ask for more detailed information on achievement, issue, nominee details, background, etc. Nominators will need to provide an additional, professional reference and two personal references. Full nominations are due May 1, 2023.
- Prior to submitting your nomination, **you must contact [nominations@goldmanprize.org](mailto:nominations@goldmanprize.org) with the name(s) of the individual(s) you intend to nominate.** We do not accept nominations or provide honoraria for nominees who have an active nomination (nominated in the past two years).
- All preliminary nominations and full nominations must be submitted through the Goldman Environmental Prize nomination portal: <https://goldmanprize.force.com/Nominate/s/>. Login credentials are provided once a nominator is approved. **Please note that our nomination portal does not work with Safari, use other browsers like Chrome, Internet Explorer, Firefox, etc.** Contact [nominations@goldmanprize.org](mailto:nominations@goldmanprize.org) if you have any issues with the portal.
- Once a nomination is accepted, it remains active for three years. For example, if Jane Smith is nominated for the 2023 Prize, her nomination is active for the 2023, 2024, and 2025 Prize years. By the 2026 Prize nomination cycle, Jane's nomination is no longer active. Nominees can be re-nominated after three years if there is substantial new information that strengthens their candidacy.
- Nominations should be submitted in English and **references should have a working level of English or Spanish.** Please do not use online translation tools, like Google Translate, as they do

not provide quality translations. However, if a nominator believes that their ability to present the information in English would jeopardize the strength of a nomination, please contact us.

- We do not accept and will not provide honoraria for incomplete nominations or rejected nominations. If you have difficulty obtaining complete information for a nominee, please contact us.

### **Updates**

- Updates may help previously nominated candidates advance in the selection process. Updates to your active nominations are strongly encouraged and should be submitted by the preliminary nomination deadline each year. You can submit updates, no matter how far a nomination has advanced in our process, in years 2 and 3 of the nomination through the Goldman Environmental Prize portal. Updates do not receive honoraria unless the nominee moves beyond their previous status. Once a candidate has reached finalist status, the nominator will no longer receive honoraria.

### **Individuals vs. Organizational Nominators**

- The names of our individual nominators are kept confidential and are not published. Organizational nominators are public partners of the Goldman Environmental Prize and are listed on our website and ceremony publications each year they submit a nomination.

### **Collaboration**

- We do not accept nominations jointly submitted by multiple nominators. We understand that many nominators may be familiar with the same candidates. In those cases, we welcome separately submitted nominations. Be sure that your written nomination is original.
- As the nominator, if you did not research and/or write the nomination, you must be familiar with the candidate and ensure that all nomination criteria are met and that the nomination form is complete before submitting the nomination.

### **Timeline:**

Below is an outline of the typical Prize cycle, from the request for nominations to selection of the recipients. Please note that the dates are subject to change.

#### **2024 Goldman Environmental Prize Nomination Cycle:**

- November 2022: Goldman Prize nomination materials sent to nominators.
- November 2022 – March 2023: Nominators contact [nominations@goldmanprize.org](mailto:nominations@goldmanprize.org) with the name(s) of individual(s) they would like to nominate to confirm that the potential nominee does not have an active nomination.
- March 1, 2023: Preliminary nominations and updates due and submitted through the Goldman Prize nomination portal: <https://goldmanprize.force.com/Nominate/s/>
- Mid-March, 2023: Program staff will contact nominators to request a full nomination form if the nominee reaches semifinalist status.
- May 1, 2023: Full nominations due from selected nominators and submitted through the portal.
- May 2023 – September 2023: Program staff will contact nominators and references during research phase. Nominators and references should be prepared to provide further background information and updates. Honorarium is sent out beginning in September.
- November 2023: Prize recipients are confidentially selected in November at our Jury meeting, but not publicly announced until following April 2024.
- November 2023– April 2024: Prize program and communication staff contact nominators of 2024 Prize winners to discuss the public announcement in April and possible collaboration and events.