



The Ashby Bowhunting Foundation sponsors the **Dr. Ed Ashby Bowhunting Award**, a Lifetime Achievement Award with the winner being chosen from among those candidates that best meet the four criteria detailed hereinafter on a cumulative basis. Dr. Ashby invested nearly three decades in the study of arrow performance and broadhead lethality. In 1981, Dr. Ashby assisted in a bowhunting research study commissioned by the government of South Africa to determine if African game could be ethically and humanely harvested with a bow and arrow. Four years later, Dr. Ashby and his team published what has come to be known as the “Natal Study”. In 1986, based on the findings of the Natal Study, the South African government legalized bowhunting. Subsequent to South Africa, other sub-Saharan countries followed suit. Upon completion of the Natal Study, Dr. Ashby continued his arrow and broadhead penetration research for nearly three decades. His research has led to empirical findings in arrow lethality, revealing the 650 grain heavy bone threshold, the 19% FOC (Forward of Center) threshold, and the effectiveness of single bevel broadheads on breaking bone as well as increasing soft tissue damage.

Dr. Ashby’s testing is the closest thing to the scientific method as is possible under the testing conditions. Never has anyone tested arrows and broadheads on actual game animals on such a scale. Bowhunters everywhere owe Dr. Ashby a debt of gratitude as his data reveals which broadheads and arrows perform the best on game animals.

All bowhunters worldwide, are eligible to be nominated for the Ashby Bowhunting Award. Criteria for the **Dr. Ed Ashby Bowhunting Award**, scored from 0-5 with 0 being the lowest score and 5 the highest and weighted equally (25% each) will be as follows:

1. Personal history of ethical hunting practices and use of appropriate equipment.
2. Participation in bowhunter education and/or efforts to forward ethical bowhunting practices and equipment through government agencies.
3. Active participation in hunting related conservation organizations.
4. The animals hunted.

Candidates with the highest overall score among qualified entries may be declared the winner of the award. The winner of the Dr. Ed Ashby Bowhunting Award will become a designated voter for subsequent entries of this award, along with Dr. Ed Ashby. The hunting category can be for animals hunted with any type of bow(s).

Due to the overall criteria, this award may not be issued on an annual basis.



DR. ED ASHBY BOWHUNTING AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Nominee: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Nominated By: _____

Phone/Email: _____

Feel free to use additional space to answer the questions if necessary and RETURN COMPLETED NOMINATION FORMS VIA EMAIL TO: rob@ashbybowhunting.org.

Note: All nominations will be reviewed, but due to the volume of nominations from highly qualified bowhunters worldwide, if you do not hear back from us, please do not take it personally.

1. In detail, tell us about nominee's personal history of ethical hunting practices and use of appropriate archery equipment.
2. In detail, tell us about nominees' participation in bowhunter education and/or efforts to forward ethical bowhunting practices and equipment through government agencies.
3. In detail, tell us about nominees' active participation in hunting related conservation organizations.
4. In detail, tell us about the animals the nominee has successfully hunted with archery equipment.