

BSA/Council Report
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The main duties of the Council Representative are to work in conjunction with the Executive Director to prepare the Young Botanists of the Year nominations. The call for nominations states that the top 25 nominees will be selected based primarily on their accomplishments, described in recommendation letters and any supporting materials. These 25 will receive a Certificate of Special Achievement from the Society and have their names published in the *Plant Science Bulletin*. It further states that all other nominees with strong records of achievement (at least a 'B' average, and meritorious activity in plant biology) may receive a "Certificate of Recognition," complimentary student membership for the rest of the calendar year, and have their names published in the *Plant Science Bulletin*.

I reviewed 27 applications for this award. On March 20, 2008. I suggested that all 27 nominees were deserving of the Certificate of Special Achievement" from the Society and to have their names published in the *Plant Science Bulletin*. These 27 Young Botanists will all receive the Young Botanists Award at the Botany 2008 meeting in Vancouver.