

ASME HONORS & AWARDS PROGRAM

One of the many ways that ASME recognizes engineers for their outstanding achievement in the field of engineering and to society is through its Honors & Awards Program. The Honors & Awards Program illustrates just how global the Society has become.

In 2010, the Society bestowed awards to fifteen international recipients. This is an increase from previous years, due in part to the ASME on the Internet. Information that was not readily available before is now gathered and shared more easily than ever with the click of a button. As the Honors and Awards Program continues to expand, we will continue to honor engineers around the world.

The Honors & Awards Program is geared toward students, young engineers and those individuals who have dedicated themselves to the engineering profession and to public service. The Ralph Coats Roe Medal, Holley Medal, Honorary Membership, Edwin F. Church Medal and ASME's highest honor, the ASME Medal are just some of the awards given for contributions to society; public service; education and distinguished achievement in engineering. It would be impossible to list all of the seventy awards that are conferred by the Program.

In particular, we would welcome your nominations for two awards that are specific to the districts. The Student Section Advisor Award recognizes the leadership and service qualities of a Student Section Advisor who has completed at least 3 academic years as a Student Section Advisor prior to nomination for the award.

The Program also recognizes the importance of students as tomorrow's engineers and works closely with the ten districts to publicize the Charles T. Main Student Section Award. The award recognizes a Student Member whose leadership and service qualities have contributed, for a period of more than one year, to the program and operations of a Student Section of the Society. Consideration will also be given to other ASME activities.

Another award that is bestowed on students or recent graduates is the Arthur L. Williston Medal, which challenges students' writing and analytical skills. This is a competition where the topics are chosen based on events that would have an impact on the future. The call for nominations for these awards is listed on the ASME Student web page. ME Department Heads, MET Department Heads, Student Section Chairs, College Relations Chair, Vice Presidents and District Leaders are asked to assist in publicizing the awards.

Additional information on these awards can be found at:

http://www.asme.org/Governance/Honors/SocietyAwards/List_Honor_Awards_Committees.cfm

Who May Nominate?

Any individual member or committee may nominate candidates for any Society honor and award except individual voting members of the Board of Governors, Committee on Honors, General Awards Committee, and other committees which sit in judgment on the nominations, unless it is the committee's responsibility to develop honors material. For additional information please go to

<http://www.asme.org/Governance/Honors/SocietyAwards/Nominate.cfm>

How to Nominate

The first step in making a nomination for a particular honor is to become completely familiar with the requirements to be met by the candidate for the honor, as given in the List of all Society Awards at <http://www.asme.org/Governance/Honors/SocietyAwards/Nominate.cfm>. Comparison of the accomplishments of the candidate with the accomplishments of previous recipients of the honors will help the nominator in deciding whether to make a nomination. The Nomination Form contains detailed instructions and suggestions for preparing a nomination. Using the instructions in combination with the appropriate nomination form, the nominator should study and follow these carefully so that the relevant accomplishments of the candidate will be properly presented. The suggested format stresses the importance of a clear, precise narrative and description of the accomplishments of the candidate, and a complete listing of both the ASME activities and the honors he or she has been awarded.

Who Selects ASME Honors Recipients?

Procedures for selecting Honors Recipients can be found at:

<http://files.asme.org/asmeorg/Governance/Honors/SocietyAwards/27328.pdf>

Leila Persaud, Manager of the Honors & Awards Program and her staff continually strive to make the Program a success. Knowing that the recipients are appreciative and that many of them take an active part in identifying potential honorees down the line is in itself a testament to the success of the program. And, although nominators do not share the limelight with the recipients, they have the knowledge that their active participation has culminated in the successful nomination of a peer, bringing recognition to the field of engineering and to ASME.