



NATIONAL
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ENGINEERS

NSPE New Professional Engineer of the Year Award

Application Deadline: March 1, 2025

Questions? Email awards@nspe.org

Guidelines

This award recognizes a young NSPE member who has made outstanding contributions to the Engineering Profession and the community during the early years of one's career.

Nomination Process/Method of Selection

Any licensed Professional Engineer (PE), Engineering Intern (EI), or Engineer-in-Training (EIT) and NSPE member in good standing, who is 35 years of age or younger as of January first in the year the award is to be presented, is eligible for nomination. The nomination shall be made either by an NSPE-affiliated state society or an individual NSPE member in good standing who holds National Membership only. Only one submission per state society or individual member shall be allowed.

Current officers and directors of NSPE are not eligible for nomination.

Subordinate entities of NSPE (e.g. Interest Groups, Committees, Task Forces, etc.) or affiliated entities (Education Foundation) are encouraged to promulgate nominations of qualified candidates.

The NSPE Honor Awards Committee makes the selection of the recipient based on the following criteria:

- Collegiate educational and extracurricular achievements
- Professional society activities, positions held, and achievements
- Technical society activities, positions held, and achievements
- Community and humanitarian activities, positions held, and achievements
- Career positions and responsibilities after completion of Baccalaureate degree
- Engineering career achievements

Criteria and requirements are detailed on the following pages.

Nomination Format

Complete nomination packets shall not exceed 10 8-1/2" by 11" pages including letters of recommendation. Submissions must include the attached Nomination Form as the cover page with nominee's signature. This form and all accompanying sheets – other than copies of supporting documentation -- shall be typed in 11-point Arial font. Supporting pages shall identify to which of the seven criteria categories each applies. Lastly, please provide a statement of 500 words or less, which is suitable to be used as a press release that provides an overview of the nominee's achievements and summarizes why the nominee is deserving of this award. Provide at least two media outlets to which this statement should be sent if the nominee is selected for this award.

Deadline and Submission

Nomination packets must be e-mailed no later than **March 1** to awards@nspe.org in the year for which the nomination applies. Nominations will not be carried forward to a subsequent year.

Award Presentation

The award will be presented at NSPECON (usually conducted in August).

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Minimum Requirements

The nominee shall be 35 years of age or younger as of January first, in the year for which the award is to be presented.

Although registration as an EI/EIT by the nominee is satisfactory, licensure as a Professional Engineer (PE) in one of the jurisdictions of the 53 NSPE-affiliated State Societies will be given greater consideration.

The nominee must be an NSPE member in good standing.

A nominee who is a member of a state society must be nominated by the state society in which the nominee holds membership. The state society needs to submit an endorsement letter on the member's behalf.

For any nomination submitted by an At-Large Member or an individual NSPE member, the nomination package must include an endorsement from one NSPE Fellow Member who resides in the same state as the nominee. However, if the nominator is an NSPE Fellow, no additional endorsement is required.

Evaluation Criteria

The Honor Awards Committee members will evaluate the nominees based on the seven criteria categories and score each with a maximum number of points based on the following table.

Criteria Category	Maximum Points
Collegiate educational and extracurricular achievements	10 points
Professional society activities, positions held, and achievements	20 points
Technical society activities, positions held, and achievements	15 points
Community and humanitarian activities, positions held, and achievements	15 points
Career positions after completion of Baccalaureate degree	15 points
Engineering career achievements	25 points
Total for all categories	100 points

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Nomination Form

Candidate Name: _____

Signature: _____

Email Address: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Business Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

NSPE Affiliation (optional):

Membership Number: _____ State Society _____

Chapter (if applicable): _____

Candidate's Date of Birth: _____

Date on which Candidate passed the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) Exam: _____

If Candidate holds a PE License:

State: _____ License Number: _____

Please submit the application and all necessary materials by March 1 to awards@nspe.org and make sure the following is included:

1. Completed nomination form
2. 500 Word Summary
3. Endorsement letter

Information about the Nominator

Name of State Society or NSPE Member Making Nomination: _____

State Society Authorized Representative:

Name & Title: _____

Signature: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Date: _____

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Basis for Nomination

Multiple pages per category are permitted. Supporting documentation must be attached separately.

A. Collegiate educational and extracurricular achievements.

Include undergraduate and post-graduate degree(s) with institution, major(s), and date for each degree; honorary societies; scholastic awards; organizations in which the nominee participated, and any other activities deemed relevant to this category. *(4000 character limit in text box below).*

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B. Professional society activities, positions held, achievements.

These should include any non-technical organizations (e.g. NSPE, SWE, NSBE, and SHPE) at the national, state, and local level. Include affiliations, positions held, awards received, notable achievement, etc. *(4000 character limit in text box below).*

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C. Technical society activities, positions held, and achievements.

Representative organizations in this category include the founding societies (e.g. ASCE, ASME, and IEEE) and any others for which the nominee's technical prowess is applicable. Include affiliations, positions held, awards received, notable achievement, etc. *(4000 character limit in text box below).*

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Multiple pages per category are permitted. Supporting documentation must be attached separately.

D. Community and humanitarian activities, positions held, and achievements.

This category includes a wide swath of organizational activities, including service organizations, scouting, governmental service, religious organizations, and others intended to assist people and/or improve quality of life. Include affiliations, positions held, awards received, and noteworthy achievements with explanation of each's significance in the particular activity, etc. *(4000 character limit in text box below).*

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E. Career positions after completion of Baccalaureate degree.

Include each employer, location, dates of employment. Describe nominee's position(s) with each employer and their re-sponsibilities, e.g. number of persons supervised, size of budget managed, and types of duties. *(4000 character limit in text box below).*

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F. Engineering career achievements.

Describe nominee's accomplishments in each employment experience and the significance of them. Include customer/client feedback that reflects nominee's value. Provide information about patents either awarded or pending, awards for work performed or results achieved, and any other information that enhances the nominee's worthiness for this award. Note this is the most significant category for scoring. *(4000 character limit in text box below).*