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2026 NSPE New Professional Engineer of the Year Application

NSPE New Professional Engineer of the Year Award

Application Deadline: March 1, 2026

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 has less than 15 years of engineering experience as of January 1st 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.

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/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

Completed nomination packets shall not exceed ten 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 legibly typed. Supporting pages shall identify to which of the five (5) criteria categories each applies.

Deadline and Submission

Nomination packets must be submitted through our online portal at apply.nspe.org no later than **March 1** in the year for which the nomination applies. Nominations will not be carried forward into subsequent years.

Award Presentation

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

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Minimum Requirements

The nominee shall have less than 15 years of engineering experience as of January 1st, 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. There are two (2) ways to be nominated:

- A nominee may 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.
- A nominee may be nominated by an At-Large Member or an individual NSPE member. In this case, the nomination package must include an endorsement letter 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 five 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/Technical society activities, positions held, and achievements	25 points
Community and humanitarian activities, positions held, and achievements	20 points
Career positions after completion of Baccalaureate degree	20 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

Membership Number: _____ **State Society (if applicable):** _____

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 through our online portal at apply.nspe.org and make sure the following is included:

1. Completed nomination form
2. 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. *(4,000-character limit in text box below).*

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B. Professional/Technical society activities, positions held, achievements.

Professional Societies should include any non-technical organizations (e.g. NSPE, SWE, NSBE, and SHPE) at the national, state, and local level. Technical societies would include any others for which the nominee's technical prowess is applicable, also at the state, local and national level. Include affiliations, positions held, awards received, notable achievement, etc. *(4,000-character limit in text box below).*

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C. 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. *(4,000-character limit in text box below).*

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D. Career positions after completion of Baccalaureate degree.

Include each employer, location, dates of employment. Describe nominee's position(s) with each employer and their responsibilities, e.g. number of persons supervised, size of budget managed, and types of duties. *(4,000-character limit in text box below).*

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E. 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. *(4,000-character limit in text box below).*