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ENGINEERING  
EXCELLENCE  
AWARDS

# **2026 EMERGING PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR CALL FOR ENTRIES**

Submit: Monday, November 17, 2025

Judging: November 24, 2025

Awards Gala: February 18, 2026

# 2026 EMERGING PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR: CALL FOR ENTRIES

This award is intended to recognize the accomplishments of our emerging professionals who have contributed to the engineering profession and impacted society.

## 1. Name of Award:

ACEC Illinois Emerging Professional of the Year

## 2. Applications:

All applications for the award shall be made by any ACEC Illinois Member Firm. You can submit your own name or you can be nominated.

- Applications are due on or before November 17, 2025.
- All applications & headshot must be submitted electronically on the nomination form provided to the designated drop box.
- The fee of \$100 must be received by the ACEC Illinois Office by November 19, 2025.
- Mail to: ACEC Illinois, 5221 S. 6th St. Rd., Springfield, IL 62703

(If you want invoiced and/or to pay by credit card please email: [info@acecil.org](mailto:info@acecil.org))

## 3. Evaluation of Applicants:

The evaluation of the applicants will be made by the Engineering Excellence Awards Subcommittee.

## 4. Criteria for Award:

- a. The applicant shall be employed by an ACEC Illinois member firm.
- b. The applicant should have 15 years or less working in the industry.

5. Presentation: The Emerging Professional of the Year Award will be revealed at the 2026 Engineering Excellence Awards. The top 3 applicants will be notified after judging and will all be recognized.

## Check List:

Nominee's Information

ACEC Illinois Activities & Achievements:

Electronic Color Headshot

*\*submit in dropbox with the final application*

Application Statement

Why did you choose this career?

Signed Photo Consent of Release

Submit Final Application

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## Nominee Information

Name:

Company/Firm:

Position or Job Title:

Educations: School(s) and Location:

Degrees and Majors:

Email Address:

Work Phone:

Work Address:

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## Application Statement

Provide a statement of 250 words or less showing your reason for application. Facts presented should include achievements during career and their importance.

## ACEC Illinois Activities & Achievements:

Please list ACEC IL committees you are on or have been active with. What are your favorite ACEC IL activities? Do you have any ACEC IL achievements?

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## Why did you choose this career?:

Please complete the following question. Was there one specific event that inspired you to pursue this career?

# 2026 EMERGING PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

I hereby grant ACEC Illinois permission to use photos submitted with our 2026 Emerging Professional of the Year Submittal. As well as, photos taken throughout the 2026 Engineering Excellence Awards Gala. We allow ACEC Illinois to use video and audio recordings for promotion, underwriting, public relations and general programming uses either with or without reference to the mentor and firm.

Date:

Signature:

Mentor Name:

Entering Firm: