

Delaware Engineering Society. Inc.

a state society of the National Society of Professional Engineers

**ENGINEERING AWARDS**  
**AWARD CRITERIA**  
**Engineer of the Year. Young Engineer of the Year**

1. BACKGROUND
2. The Engineer of the Year is the most prestigious Award presented by the Delaware Engineering Society
  - A. The donor of the Engineering Awards (Engineer of the Year, Young Engineer of the Year) is the Delaware Engineering Society (DES/NSPE-DE). In addition to public acknowledgement of meritorious service, the Awards take a tangible form in a suitable engraved plaque.
  - B. Presentation of Engineer of the Year and Young Engineer of the Year awards will be made at the Delaware Engineers' Week Celebration generally held in February each year.
  - C. Eligibility is restricted to engineers whose sustained and unusual contributions have been for the public welfare, the advancement of the engineering profession, and/or service to humankind.
  - D. The DES/NSPE-DE Past Presidents Council will consider the qualifications of all nominees. The Council will recommend a candidate for each award to the NSPE-DE Board for approval. NSPE-DE reserves the right to make no award in any given year.
3. SPECIFIC CRITERIA
  - A. Each nominee shall be an engineer of recognized standing and a resident and/or citizen of the United States. Membership in NSPE or any other Technical Society, is desirable but not mandatory. Registration as a Professional Engineer is required. Nominees need not necessarily reside in Delaware at the time of selection, but shall unmistakably be identified with Delaware.
  - B. The Young Engineer of the Year must be 35 years old or younger to allow for consideration of a national award as well.
  - C. Nominees for each Award shall be evaluated on the basis of the following particulars:
    - Professional integrity shall be beyond question.
    - Professional reputation shall be well recognized.
    - The undertaking or services rendered shall be of high degree of excellence.

In the performance of the undertaking or services, the nominee must have made contributions beyond that required by professional employment. Preference shall be given to nominees who have consistently promoted the social and professional interests of the engineer.

- D. **The DES nomination form must be used. No other format will be accepted. The DES forms are the only data that will be furnished to the DES Past Presidents Council members for the selection meeting. Unacceptable or incomplete forms will be returned to the sponsor for the sponsor's resubmittal prior to the deadline. No other data submitted will be made available at the meeting. It is, therefore, in the best interest of the nominee for the sponsor to complete the form as concisely as possible.**

#### 4. NOMINATIONS

- A. A nomination may be made by any organization that is a constituent or affiliated member of the Delaware Council of Engineering Societies. A nominee shall be approved by the officers of the organization making the nomination before presentation to DES Past Presidents Council. The members of the DES Past Presidents Council are also eligible to make a nomination. Each organization or DES Past President is limited to one nomination and one renomination per year per award (Engineer of the Year or Young Engineer of the Year). The initial nomination will remain in effect for a three-year period.
- B. A list of current nominees for each award shall be furnished to the organizations and DES Past Presidents with the request for current year nominations.
- C. A nominee whose three-year initial eligibility period has expired, may be renominated following the same process for the original nomination. Renominees will, however, be eligible for only an additional two years if the nomination is by the same organization or DES Past President, but for three years if a different organization or DES Past President submits the nomination. Any previous nominee is eligible for renomination.
- D. Those who are among the final nominees in the most recent year of balloting even though their eligible time has expired are to be retained in the eligible list.
- E. Each year the list of nominees for each award will be revised by the NSPE-DE to include only those who have been nominated, retained, or renominated within the time limits or provisions specified in Paragraphs "3A", "3C" and "3D". All nominations meeting the above requirements will be given consideration by the DES Past Presidents Council.