



PITTSBURGH SECTION

JOHN N. MURPHY EARLY CAREER PROFESSIONAL AWARD

Guidelines and Procedures

Overview and Eligibility

The John N. Murphy Early Career Professional Award (Murphy Award) was established by the Pittsburgh Section in 2017 as a companion to the John T. Boyd Young Engineer Award to recognize degreed professionals who are not mining engineers at the beginning of their careers working in the mining industry. The award seeks to recognize a technical achievement, or advancement of a mining process or procedure championed by the nominee, who as principle author, reported this accomplishment in a paper published in a technical mining journal or presented at a recognized mining technical meeting.

Eligibility requirements for the Murphy Award are as follows:

1. The nominee must hold a baccalaureate degree and be working in the mining industry.
2. The nominee must not reach their 40th birthday in the year before the Award is presented.
3. The nominee must have a recognized body of work and prepared a technical report for presentation at any mining industry meeting or for publication in any mining industry journal or transactions.
4. The nominee must be a member of SME in good standing and willing to accept the award in person at the Pittsburgh Section Annual Meeting.

Timeline

The Murphy Award typically adheres to the following timeline:

DUE DATE	TASK
May 1	Call for nominations
July 15	Nomination deadline
August 1	Committee chair provides qualified applications to members of committee
August 15	Voting complete; committee chair schedules conference call or meeting to discuss results with committee. With Pittsburgh Board of Directors' approval, the citation is finalized for the plaque and meeting program.
September 1	Recipient is notified
SME Pittsburgh Section Annual Meeting	Award is presented at the October meeting

[1] A person may not receive both the John T. Boyd Young Engineer Award and the John N. Murphy Early Career Professional Award

Nominations	<p>Nominations for the Murphy Early Career Professional Award are initiated by members of the Pittsburgh Section. Nominations should contain the following information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Completed nomination form including demographic and contact information for both the nominee and the principal nominator. 2. Nominee's biography or CV/result – 3 page maximum. 3. Description of professional accomplishment and copy of report. 4. Up to three letters of support detailing the nominee's qualifications for the award (no longer than 2 pages each). These must include a written description of the nominee's professional accomplishments or mining project(s) and must describe the specific involvement of the nominee in the work accomplished. 5. Appropriate award citation. 6. Active participation in the Pittsburgh Section activities <p>All nominations submitted will be considered active nominations for a period of three years. Nominations must be submitted in accordance with the guidelines provided on the award nomination form, which may be downloaded at: http://community.smenet.org/pittsburgh/awards</p>
Administration	The administration of the Murphy Award shall be vested in the Pittsburgh Section Award Committee
Selection of Recipients	<p>Recipients of the Murphy Award shall be selected by a majority vote by the Award Committee. The nomination will be reviewed and approved by the Pittsburgh Section Board of Directors.</p> <p>The Award need not be presented in any given year if a suitable candidate is not agreed upon.</p>
Award	The Murphy Award shall consist of a suitable plaque inscribed with the approved citation and a check of \$250 for expenses to attend the Annual Meeting.
Presentation of the Award	The Murphy Award will be presented at the Pittsburgh Section Annual Awards Luncheon, held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting. The award recipient will receive one complimentary ticket to the meeting and luncheons.
Funding	All expenses incurred in respect of the Murphy Award shall be the financial responsibility of the Pittsburgh Section and are typically covered by the proceeds of section activities.
Amendments	These guidelines may be amended by the Award Committee, subject to approval by the SME Pittsburgh Section Board of Directors. Any such amendments must be reflected in all appropriate award documentation.
Questions	<p>Questions may be directed to: Awards Coordinator: Tom Gray</p> <p>Phone: 412-921-7090</p> <p>Email: tom.gray@tetrattech.com</p>