

MINERAL & METALLURGICAL PROCESSING DIVISION OUTSTANDING YOUNG ENGINEER AWARD

In Memory of Raj Rajamani Guidelines and Procedures

OVERVIEW AND ELIGIBILITY

The Mineral & Metallurgical Processing Division Outstanding Young Engineer Award (OYE Award) was established by the MPD in 1984 and recognizes significant contribution of a young individual within the Mineral Processing-Extractive discipline. Beginning in 2025, the OYE Award is dedicated to the memory of Raj Rajamani.

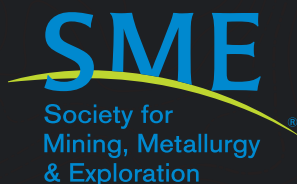
Eligibility requirements for the Outstanding Young Engineer Award are as follows:

1. The nominee must be a graduate engineer actively working in a Mineral Processing-Extractive discipline.
2. The nominee must be a member of MPD/SME.
3. The nominee must be less than 36 years of age before January 1st of the year the award is presented.
4. The nominee will have made a significant contribution to the industry in academics, research, operations, design, or engineering/construction.

TIMELINE

The Mineral & Metallurgical Processing Division Outstanding Young Engineer Award typically adheres to the following timeline:

Date	Task
April 1	Call for nominations
June 1	Nomination deadline
June 30	Committee chair provides qualified applications to members of committee
July 15	First round of voting complete; committee chair schedules conference call to discuss results (if needed)
July 25	Second round of voting complete (if needed)
August 1	Recipient name and citation provided to awards coordinator
September 15	Recipient is notified
SME Annual Conference & Expo	Award is presented



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NOMINATIONS	Nominations for the Mineral & Metallurgical Processing Division Outstanding Young Engineer Award require the following information: 1. Completed nomination form including demographic and contact information for both the nominee and the principal nominator. 2. Required: One letter of support detailing the nominee's qualification for the award. Should address qualities that are mentioned in the guidelines. Should focus on quality over quantity introducing the candidate to the committee (1 page). 3. Not required: Up to four additional letters emphasizing the candidates qualifications for the award. (quality over quantity) (1 page each). 4. Nominee's biography (2 page maximum). 5. Nominee's CV/resume (abbreviated version – 3 page maximum). 6. List of papers/publications (abbreviated version – 3 page maximum). 7. Appropriate award citation. 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 here: smenet.org/awards-recognition
ADMINISTRATION	The OYE Award is administered by the SME Mineral & Metallurgical Processing Division (MPD) Executive Committee. The OYE Award Committee consists of the members of the MPD Executive Committee, including the division past chair serving as chair of the OYE Award Committee. • A minimum of three nominations need to be received and evaluated for each award in order to select a winner. • Current members of the SME Board of Directors, SME Division Executive Committees, Award Committees, or Foundation Board of Trustees are NOT eligible for any awards that they are responsible for approving during their term, with the exception of "past chair" recognitions. • No person is eligible to receive more than one SME or SME/AIME award in a single year.
SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS	Recipients of the OYE Award shall be selected by a majority vote by the Award Committee, subject to the approval of the MPD Executive Committee and the SME Board of Directors. The award need not be presented in any given year if a suitable candidate is not agreed upon.
AWARD	The OYE Award is a suitable plaque or certificate engraved or embossed with the name of the award as well as the name of the recipient and the citation of the particular achievement for which the award is being conferred.
PRESENTATION OF AWARD	The OYE Award will be presented at MPD's Annual Luncheon, held in conjunction with the SME Annual Conference & Expo.
FUNDING	All expenses incurred with respect to the OYE Award shall be the financial responsibility of the Mineral & Metallurgical Processing Division.



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AMENDMENTS	These guidelines may be amended by the OYE Award Committee, subject to approval by the MPD Executive Committee and SME Board of Directors. Any such amendments must be reflected in all appropriate award documentation.
QUESTIONS	Questions may be directed to: Awards Coordinator Email: awards@smenet.org or SME Member Services Department Phone: 303-948-4200