

OVERVIEW AND ELIGIBILITY

The Erskine Ramsay Award (Ramsay Award) recognizes distinguished achievement in coal mining, to include both bituminous coal and anthracite.

There are no limitations regarding nationality or membership in the AIME Member Societies, but preference is given to members. If a committee member is nominated, they will follow any recusal (or other) procedures that their Member Society employs. The recipient must have been living when they were selected. Current AIME trustees are ineligible to receive AIME awards, except the Presidential Citation or if nominated and selected for another award prior to starting their AIME Board service.

TIMELINE

The Erskine Ramsay 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

NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the Erskine Ramsay 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

<p>CRITERIA</p>	<p>The Ramsay Award is administered by SME’s Coal & Energy Division. The Award Committee consists of nine members appointed by the SME president upon the recommendation of the Coal & Energy Division. The term of service shall be four-year rotation. The chair shall be chosen from those who are senior in length of service to the committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<p>SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS</p>	<p>Recipients of the Ramsay Award shall be selected by a majority vote by the Award Committee, subject to the approval of the SME Board of Directors. The award need not be presented in any given year if a suitable candidate is not agreed upon.</p>
<p>AWARD</p>	<p>The Ramsay Award shall consist of a gold-plated medal bearing the likeness of Erskine Ramsay along with a suitable certificate or plaque engraved or embossed with the award winner’s name, year of the award, and a citation of the service or achievement upon which the award is based.</p>
<p>PRESENTATION OF AWARD</p>	<p>The Ramsay Award will be presented at the SME’s Annual Awards Celebration, held in conjunction with the SME Annual Conference & Expo. Additionally, the recipient will be recognized at the Coal & Energy Division’s Annual Awards Luncheon. The award recipient will receive one complimentary ticket each of the functions listed above (provided by the C&E Division).</p>
<p>FUNDING</p>	<p>All expenses incurred with respect to the Ramsay Award shall be the financial responsibility of AIME.</p>
<p>AMENDMENTS</p>	<p>These guidelines may be amended by the Ramsay Award Committee, subject to approval by the C&E Executive Committee, SME Board of Directors, and AIME Board of Trustees. Any such amendments must be reflected in all appropriate award documentation.</p>
<p>QUESTIONS</p>	<p>Questions may be directed to: Awards Coordinator Email: awards@smenet.org or SME Member Services Department Phone: 303-948-4200</p>