

OVERVIEW AND ELIGIBILITY

The Frank F. Aplan Award (Aplan Award) recognizes engineering or scientific contributions that further the understanding of the technology of coal and/or mineral engineering. Eligible areas of recognition include agglomeration, classification, comminution, electrical and magnetic separation, flocculation and sedimentation, froth flotation, and other related processing operations.

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.

The award was established by AIME in 1989 with voluntary contributions of friends and associates as a tribute to Frank F. Aplan for his lifelong productive career in coal and mineral processing research and education. Dr. Aplan was the initial award recipient. In 2011, AIME transitioned administration of this award to SME.

TIMELINE

The Frank F. Aplan 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

<p>NOMINATIONS</p>	<p>Nominations for the Frank F. Aplan Award require 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. 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. <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 here: smenet.org/awards-recognition</p>
<p>CRITERIA</p>	<p>The Aplan Award is jointly administered by SME's Coal & Energy (C&E) and Mineral & Metallurgical Processing (MPD) Divisions with each division taking the lead role on alternating years (C&E even years; MPD odd years).</p> <p>The Award Committee consists of three C&E representatives and three MPD representatives, each serving rotating three-year terms. The senior representative from the lead division serves as committee chair during that division's lead year. Following the initial rotation, each division must nominate one new member 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 Aplan Award shall be selected by a majority vote by the Award Committee, subject to the approval of the MPD Executive Committee, the C&E 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.</p>
<p>AWARD</p>	<p>The Frank F. Aplan Award shall consist of a framed certificate bearing a citation indicating the recipient's service or achievement upon which the award is based.</p>
<p>PRESENTATION OF AWARD</p>	<p>The award will be presented at SME's Annual Awards Celebration, held in conjunction with the SME Annual Conference & Expo. Additionally, the Aplan Award recipient will be recognized during either the C&E Luncheon or the MPD Luncheon, at the discretion of the recipient.</p>

FUNDING	All expenses incurred with respect to the award shall be the financial responsibility of AIME. SME will invoice AIME to reimburse costs once all expenses are in each cycle.
AMENDMENTS	These guidelines may be amended by the Award Committee, subject to approval by the C&E Executive Committee, MPD Executive Committee, SME Board of Directors, and AIME Board of Trustees. 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