



**SME FOUNDATION**  
**2021-2022 MINERS GIVE BACK**  
**AWARD INSTRUCTIONS**

**DUE: June 1, 2022**

The SME Foundation (SMEF) announces the Miners Give Back Award for the recognition of SME Section community service. The purpose of this program is to promote community service and humanitarian initiatives by SME Sections in communities where the Sections operate, and to facilitate networking between Sections, as well as improving networking between the Sections and SME Headquarters.

There is a history of the SMEF facilitating humanitarian initiatives; the first Miners Give Back project took place on February 26, 2010, when 25 men and women gathered to help Arizona teachers. After a very busy afternoon, the volunteers had created hundreds of needed items for Arizona classrooms. In 2011, 61 persons from the mining industry gathered to help the Food Bank of the Rockies. The volunteers packed meals for more than 4,000 people during their day at the food bank. In 2012, 21 volunteers spent part of a day working at the Food Lifeline of Seattle, a nonprofit organization dedicated to ending hunger in western Washington. In all, their volunteer work produced more than 2,900 meals for the needy in Washington. In 2015, the Miners Give Back program began a three year partnership with Engineers without Borders (EWB) to leverage EWB's global network of on-the-ground engineers in developing countries that implement multiple projects to address the needs identified by a community. EWB's mission complimented that of MGB's: to support world-wide initiatives focused on humanitarian efforts that tangibly improved the lives of individuals and inspired a commitment to give back to the local community.

The newest Miners Give Back initiative is intended to increase the level of participation by the SME Sections in humanitarian efforts and community service and provide rewards/recognition each year for the outstanding project(s).

**APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

The SMEF Miners Give Back Committee is soliciting applications from SME Sections who have organized and implemented humanitarian outreach and/or community service projects during the prior application year.

The Miners Give Back Committee considers all relevant information about your section and the projects/activities you have conducted in selecting the competition winner. We weigh the engagement of your Section, involvement with the local community, and new innovations and strategies for community outreach. We want to recognize the Section that was truly outstanding all year long.

In completing this application, be thorough and descriptive in your answers so that we can best understand your community service events. To avoid any award submission difficulties, it is recommended that the responses be prepared in advance and copied/pasted into the form. You may also submit photos of section activities, promotional flyers from events, and other supporting documentation with your application.

After completing the application(s), **please sign the last page to certify the authenticity** of your section's application. Submit your completed application(s) and all supporting materials via the SME Awards Portal. **Please include any photos, videos or other supporting information as attachments, along with fully executed Photo Release forms.** Remember, applications will be accepted starting on April 1, 2022 and the submission deadline is June 1, 2022.

You are welcome to submit as many community service projects as you have completed. There is no maximum limit. Please submit a separate application for each project; for multiple project submissions, due to system constraints, the additional projects must be submitted by separate members. **Note:** Projects which have received Section Grant funding are not eligible for consideration and must not be included as a project submission.

The winner will be announced prior to the SME Annual Conference & Expo. You can find more information about the conference and register to attend by visiting [www.smeannualconference.com](http://www.smeannualconference.com).

The Miners Give Back Award will be presented to the winning Section at the SME Foundation Annual Gala Dinner, held in conjunction with SME's Annual Conference & Expo.

The winning SME Section will receive the following:

- A framed certificate of Award.
- A cash prize of \$2,000 presented to the Section at the SME Annual Conference & Expo.
- One (1) Complimentary SME Annual Conference & Expo registration.
- Up to two complimentary tickets to the SME Foundation Annual Gala Dinner with VIP seating.
- Recognition in SME print and e-media.