

UCA YOUNG MEMBER AWARD

Guidelines & Procedures

OVERVIEW

The UCA Young Member Award is presented to a member who is age 35 or under (not 36 until January 1 in the year following the conference in which the Award is given) and has excelled, in one or more of, the following areas: technical accomplishment; development of innovative ideas, initiatives and approaches; challenging and improving industry practices, lead or contributed significantly to major technically complex operations through contributions to the tunneling and underground construction profession and/or UCA.

The focus of the Young Member Award will be on personal contribution made by the individual in delivery beyond expectations, personal commitment to improving the tunnel and underground construction industry, be a driver for technical and commercial success, be a proponent of tangible differences to the environment they operate in and provide leadership in safety.

The nominee shall have been a member of UCA in good standing for at least two years prior to being nominated.

TIMELINE

Date	Task
August 1	Call for nominations due – Issued by Chair for T&UC
September 1	Nominations open
October 31	Nomination deadline
November 20	UCA Award Committee to submit recipient name and citation to Awards Coordinator
November 30	Awards Coordinator to submit to UCA Executive Committee
March issue <i>Tunneling & Underground Construction</i>	Award recipients announced
	Award will be presented at a NAT event.

NOMINATIONS & ELIGIBILITY

- A minimum of three nominations need to be received and evaluated for each award in order to select a winner.
- Current voting members of the SME Board of Directors, SME Division Executive Committees, or Award Committees, 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, UCA or SME/AIME award in a single year.

ADMINISTRATION

The UCA Award Committee will administer this award under the direction and supervision of the UCA Executive Committee.

AWARD

The UCA Young Member Award is a plaque engraved with the recipient's name and year of the award. The recipient will also receive a complimentary registration to the event where the award is given and a one-year UCA membership.

PRESENTATION OF THE AWARD

The award is presented annually at a UCA event. There may be only one awardee per year.

FUNDING

All expenses incurred in respect of the Award shall be the financial responsibility of general Underground Construction Division funds.

AMENDMENTS

These guidelines may be amended by the Award Committee, subject to approval by the UCA Executive Committee. Any such amendments must be reflected in all appropriate award documentation.

QUESTIONS

Questions may be directed to: Awards Coordinator | 303-948-4200 | awards@smenet.org