

Overview

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 eligibility limitations regarding nationality or membership in the society, though preference is given to society members. All candidates must be living at the time of selection.

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 Aplan Award typically adheres to the following timeline:

Due 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 Meeting	Award is presented

Nominations

Nominations for the Aplan Award should contain the following information:

1. Completed nomination form including demographic and contact information for both the nominee and the principal nominator.
2. Up to five letters of support detailing the nominee’s qualifications for the award (no longer than 2 pages each).
3. Nominee’s biography (2 page maximum).
4. Nominee’s CV/resume (abbreviated version – 3 page maximum).
5. List of papers/publications (abbreviated version – 3 page maximum).
6. 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:

<http://www.smenet.org/awards/>

Administration	<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>
Selection of Recipients	<p>Recipients of the Aplan Award shall be selected by a majority vote by the Committee of the Award, 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>
Award	<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>
Presentation of the Award	<p>The Award will be presented at SME's Annual Awards Banquet, held in conjunction with SME's Annual Meeting. 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	<p>All expenses incurred in respect of the Award shall be the financial responsibility of AIME. SME will invoice AIME to reimburse costs once all expenses are in each cycle.</p>
Amendments	<p>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 Trustees. Any such amendments must be reflected in all appropriate award documentation.</p>
Questions	<p>Questions may be directed to: Awards Coordinator, SME Member Services Department Phone: 303-948-4208 E-mail: awards@smenet.org</p>
