



JOHN FRITZ MEDAL

Overview and Eligibility

The John Fritz Medal is presented each year for scientific or industrial achievement in any field of pure or applied science. It was established in 1902 as a memorial to the great engineer whose name it bears.

There are no eligibility limitations regarding nationality or membership in any Society/organization, though preference is given to a member of one of the participating organizations. All candidates must be living at the time of selection and their attendance to the awards ceremony of their related organization is expected.

Timeline

The John Fritz Medal adheres to the following timeline:

| Due Date | Task |
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| 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 |
| Recipient Society Annual Conference | Award is presented |

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| <p>Nominations</p> | <p>Nominations for the John Fritz Medal should contain 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. Up to five letters of support detailing the nominee’s qualifications for the award (2 page maximum). 3. Nominee’s condensed biography (1 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 -- 25 words or less to be inscribed on an award if selected. <p>All nominations submitted will be considered active nominations for a period of three years.</p> <p>Nominations must be submitted in accordance with the Guidelines and submitted online at www.smenet.org.</p> |
| <p>Administration</p> | <p>The Fritz Award is administered by the John Fritz Medal Award Committee under the direction of the SME Board of Directors on behalf of interested former Member Societies of the American Association of Engineering Societies (AAES). The Award Committee consists of a Chair and Vice-Chair, each serving one-year terms, and a member of each participating organization serving three-year staggered terms. The Chair and Vice-Chair positions shall rotate between the participating organizations in a manner such that each organization is provided the opportunity to chair the Awards Committee on a rotational bases. The Vice-Chair will advance to the position of Chair.</p> <p>Members of the committee will make nomination(s), attend meetings and evaluate candidates. Members should be intimately familiar with scientific or industrial achievements in pure or applied science over the past 15 years. If any participating organization member is not actively engaged in the process they will be replaced in a timely manner in order to meet the timeline of the award.</p> |

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| <p>Selection of Recipients</p> | <p>Recipients of the John Fritz Medal shall be selected by a majority vote of the Award Committee. The Award need not be awarded in any given year if a suitable candidate is not agreed upon.</p> |
| <p>Award</p> | <p>The award consists of a medal in a medal case, lapel pin and framed certificate to include the honoree's citation and signatures of the award committee chair and recipient's organizational President.</p> |
| <p>Presentation of Award</p> | <p>The award will be presented at the awards dinner or awards function of the recipient's home organization. Recipient may choose the meeting and/or organizations program to receive the award.</p> |
| <p>Funding</p> | <p>All expenses incurred in respect of the award shall be the financial responsibility of the John Fritz Award fund entrusted to SME.</p> |
| <p>Amendments</p> | <p>These Guidelines may be amended by the Award Committee, subject to approval by the Board of Directors for all participating organizations. Any such amendments must be reflected in all appropriate award documentation.</p> |
| <p>Questions</p> | <p>Questions may be directed to: Awards Coordinator E-mail: awards@smenet.org or SME Member Services Phone: 303-948-4200.</p> |