



COAL & ENERGY DIVISION
J.W. WOOMER YOUNG ENGINEER AWARD
Guidelines & Procedures

Overview & Eligibility

The J. W. Woomer Award (Woomer Award) was established by the Coal & Energy Division as the Coal Young Engineer Award in 1975 and the first award was given in 1976. In 1990, it was renamed the J.W. Woomer Young Engineer Award in honor of Mr. Jerome Woomer, who was Chairman of the Coal Division in 1958 and President of the Society of Mining Engineers in 1959. The intent of the award is to bring recognition of engineering professionalism to young people working in the coal industry.

Eligibility requirements for the Woomer Award are as follows:

1. The nominee must be a graduate engineer working in the coal industry.
2. The nominee must not reach their 35th birthday before the Award is to be presented at the Annual Meeting.
3. The nominee must have prepared a technical report for presentation at any coal industry meeting or for publication in any coal industry journal or transactions.
4. The nominee must be a member of SME.

Members of the current award committee are not eligible to receive the award during their term of service on the award committee.

Timeline

The Woomer 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

When possible, nominations for the Woomer Award should be initiated by the nominee’s Local Section. In the event that the nominee does not belong an active Local Section, the nomination may be initiated by any active member of the Coal & Energy Division. Nominations 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). These must include a written description of the nominee’s engineering project(s) and must describe the specific involvement of the nominee in the work accomplished.
3. Nominee’s biography (2 page maximum).
4. Nominee’s CV/resume (abbreviated version – 3 page maximum).

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5. List of papers/publications (abbreviated version – 3 page maximum).
 6. Appropriate award citation.

When possible, the nomination should be reviewed by the appropriate SME Local Section Executive Committee, and a letter of endorsement from that Local Section should be attached.

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	The administration of the Woomer Award shall be vested in a committee of six. The Chair-Elect Designate of the Coal & Energy Division shall appoint two members from among members of the Coal & Energy Division. The term of service shall be three year rotation. The Chair shall be chosen from those who are senior in length of service on the Committee by the Chair of the Coal & Energy Division.
Selection of Recipients	Recipients of the Woomer Award shall be selected by a majority vote by the Committee of the Award, subject to the approval of the SME Board of Directors. The Award need not be presented in any given year if a suitable candidate is not agreed upon.
Award	The Woomer Award shall consist of a statuette and a cash gift of \$1,000.
Presentation of the Award	The Woomer Award will be presented at the Coal & Energy Division's Annual Awards Luncheon, held in conjunction with SME's Annual Meeting. The award recipient will receive one complimentary ticket to the luncheon (provided by the C&E Division).
Funding	All expenses incurred in respect of the Woomer Award shall be the financial responsibility of the Coal & Energy Division and are typically covered by the proceeds of the Howard N. Eavenson fund of AIME.
Amendments	These guidelines may be amended by the Woomer Award Committee, subject to approval by the C&E Executive Committee and SME Board of Directors. Any such amendments must be reflected in all appropriate award documentation.
Questions	Questions may be directed to: Awards Coordinator E-mail: awards@smenet.org or SME Member Services Department Phone: 303-948-4200
