

SME Outstanding Student Chapter Contest

Student Chapters play an important role in professional development. Each year since 1967, SME has recognized the most outstanding student chapter. This award is one of high distinction because it is evidence that a chapter has conducted its business in a professional manner.

The winner and three runners-up are determined by a review of the Student Chapter Annual Reports by a panel of judges selected from the Student Members Affairs Subcommittee and the Young Leader's Student Relations Subcommittee. The winning chapter receives \$500, a certificate of recognition, and one ticket to the awards banquet at the SME Annual Conference & Expo. The chapter receives a travel allowance up to \$500 to send a representative to the Annual Conference & Expo. The \$500 prize is presented at the awards banquet by the Society President. Three runners-up receive certificates of recognition. All winners will be recognized in *Mining Engineering* magazine.

The Annual Report not only provides an historical record of Student Chapter activities, but also encourages professional accountability and should include:

- ◆ An index to cover the contents of the report
- ◆ Membership (identification of Student Chapter officers, members, Faculty Sponsor, and Section Counselor)
- ◆ Student Chapter activities (sequential listing of activities including a description of the program in paragraph or outline form, and attendance information)
- ◆ Student Member activities (sequential listing of activities including descriptions, names of participants, and, if appropriate, results of participation)
- ◆ Treasurer's report
- ◆ Secretary's report
- ◆ Miscellaneous (photographs, etc., as documentation of special events)
- ◆ **MEC Section:** To be considered for the SME Student Chapter MEC Award, you *must include a separate chapter of information* in the Annual Report regarding your Chapter's MEC program, community service and/or other educational outreach activities. The award selection committee will use the material written in your report to select the award recipient.

The annual report should be submitted electronically. The Student Chapter should retain a copy for its permanent record.

To be eligible for the contest, the Annual Report must be *received* by June 1. To be eligible for the travel reimbursement, the report must be between 25-35 pages including the title page, cover page, section dividers, and the table of contents. Uploading instructions are available on the website.