

COAL & ENERGY DIVISION

J.W. WOOMER YOUNG ENGINEER AWARD

Guidelines and Procedures

OVERVIEW AND 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 SME Annual Conference & Expo.
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 J. W. Woomer Award typically adheres to the following timeline:

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 Conference & Expo	Award is presented

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<h3>NOMINATIONS</h3>	<p>Nominations for the J. W. Woomer Award require 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. Required: One letter of support detailing the nominee's qualification for the award. Should address qualities that are mentioned in the guidelines. Should focus on quality over quantity introducing the candidate to the committee (1 page). 3. Not required: Up to four additional letters emphasizing the candidates qualifications for the award. (quality over quantity) (1 page each). 4. Nominee's biography (2 page maximum). 5. Nominee's CV/resume (abbreviated version – 3 page maximum). 6. List of papers/publications (abbreviated version – 3 page maximum). 7. Appropriate award citation. <p>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: smenet.org/awards-recognition</p>
<h3>ADMINISTRATION</h3>	<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A minimum of three nominations need to be received and evaluated for each award in order to select a winner. • Current members of the SME Board of Directors, SME Division Executive Committees, Award Committees, or Foundation Board of Trustees 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 or SME/AIME award in a single year.
<h3>SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS</h3>	<p>Recipients of the Woomer Award shall be selected by a majority vote by the Award Committee, 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.</p>
<h3>AWARD</h3>	<p>The Woomer Award shall consist of a statuette and a cash gift of \$1,000.</p>
<h3>PRESENTATION OF AWARD</h3>	<p>The Woomer Award will be presented at the Coal & Energy Division's Annual Awards Luncheon, held in conjunction with the SME Annual Conference & Expo. The award recipient will receive one complimentary ticket to the luncheon (provided by the C&E Division).</p>
<h3>FUNDING</h3>	<p>All expenses incurred with respect to 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.</p>



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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 Email: awards@smenet.org or SME Member Services Department Phone: 303-948-4200