

INDUSTRIAL MINERALS & AGGREGATES DIVISION

YOUNG SCIENTIST AWARD

Guidelines and Procedures

OVERVIEW AND ELIGIBILITY

The Industrial Minerals & Aggregates Division Young Scientist Award recognizes the scientific professionalism to young people working in the industrial minerals or aggregates industry.

Eligibility requirements for the Young Scientist Award are as follows:

1. The nominee must hold at least a bachelor's degree and be working in the industrial minerals industry.
2. The nominee must not reach his or her 40th birthday before the award is presented at the Annual Meeting.
3. The nominee must have prepared a technical report for presentation at any meeting of the industrial minerals industry or for publication in any scientific journal.
4. The award may be presented to a non-member of SME with the provision that the division makes him/her a member by awarding him/her a one-year membership.

TIMELINE

The Industrial Minerals & Aggregates Division Young Scientist 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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NOMINATIONS	<p>Nominations for the Industrial Minerals & Aggregates Division Young Scientist 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>
ADMINISTRATION	<p>The Young Scientist Award is administered by SME's Industrial Minerals & Aggregates Division (IM&AD) Executive Committee. The Young Scientist Award Committee consists of a committee chair, the division chair, the immediate past division chair and two members-at-large to be appointed by the division chair.</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.
SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS	<p>Recipients of the Young Scientist Award shall be selected by a majority vote by the Award Committee, subject to the approval of the IM&AD 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 Young Scientist Award is a suitable plaque or certificate engraved or embossed with the name of the award as well as the name of the recipient and the citation of the particular achievement for which the award is being conferred. Additionally, the award includes a stipend of \$250 to help defray expenses while attending the SME Annual Conference & Expo, and paid housing, registration(s) and ticket(s) for the recipient and his or her spouse at the SME Annual Conference & Expo and the IM&AD Luncheon.</p>
PRESENTATION OF AWARD	<p>The Young Scientist Award will be presented at IM&AD's Annual Luncheon, held in conjunction with the SME Annual Conference & Expo.</p>



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FUNDING	All expenses incurred with respect to the Young Scientist Award shall be the financial responsibility of the Industrial Minerals & Aggregates Division.
AMENDMENTS	These guidelines may be amended by the Young Scientist Award Committee, subject to approval by the IM&AD 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