

**Overview and Eligibility**

The Environmental Stewardship Distinguished Service Award was established by AIME in 1970 to recognize significant contributions to environmental conservation by addition to knowledge; by the design or invention of useful equipment of procedure; or by outstanding service to governmental or private organizations devoted to any field of environmental conservation. In 2011, AIME transitioned this award to SME.

There are no eligibility limitations regarding nationality or membership in the society, though preference is given to society members. All candidates must be living at the time of selection.

**Timeline**

The 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**

Nominations for the Award 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).
3. Nominee's biography (2 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.

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/>

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**Administration** The Environmental Division Distinguished Service Award is administered by SME's Environmental Division Executive Committee. The Award Committee consists of the members of the Environmental Division Executive Committee with the Division Past Chair also serving as Chair of the Award Committee.

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**Selection of Recipients** Recipients of the Award shall be selected by a majority vote by the Committee of the Award, subject to the approval the SME Board of Directors. The Award need not be presented in any given year if a suitable candidate is not agreed upon.

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**Award** The 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.

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**Presentation of Award** The Award will be presented at the Environmental Division's Annual Luncheon, held in conjunction with SME's Annual Meeting.

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**Funding** All expenses incurred in respect of the Award shall be the financial responsibility of AIME. SME will invoice AIME to reimburse costs once all expenses are in each cycle.

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**Amendments** These guidelines may be amended by the Award Committee, subject to approval by the Environmental Division Executive Committee, SME Board of Directors, and AIME Trustees. Any such amendments must be reflected in all appropriate award documentation.

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**Questions** Questions may be directed to:  
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