Overview
The Mineral Industry Education Award is given to recognize distinguished contributions to the advancement of mineral industry. 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.

The award was established by AIME in 1950 to recognize distinguished contributions to the advancement of mineral industry education. In 2011, AIME transitioned administration of this award to SME.

Timeline
The Mineral Industry Education Award typically adheres to the following timeline:

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<td>April 1</td>
<td>Call for nominations</td>
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<td>June 1</td>
<td>Nomination deadline</td>
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<td>June 30</td>
<td>Committee chair provides qualified applications to members of committee</td>
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<td>July 15</td>
<td>First round of voting complete; committee chair schedules conference call to discuss results (if needed)</td>
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<td>July 25</td>
<td>Second round of voting complete (if needed)</td>
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<td>August 1</td>
<td>Recipient name and citation provided to awards coordinator</td>
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<td>September 15</td>
<td>Recipient is notified</td>
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<td>SME Annual Meeting</td>
<td>Award is presented</td>
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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).
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/
**Administration**  
The award will be administered by the Accreditation and Curricular Issues Committee. The chair of that Committee shall also be the chair of the Mineral Industry Education Award Committee. Division representatives serving in their final year on the Accreditation and Curricular Issues Committee will also serve on the Mineral Industry Education Award Committee.

**Selection of Recipients**  
Recipients of the 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 Mineral Industry Education Award shall consist of a 3” silver medal with a laurel leaf and torch design, on which the recipient’s name and year of award are inscribed. Also, a certificate bearing a citation indicating the recipient’s service or achievement upon which the award is based.

**Presentation of Award**  
The Award will be presented at SME’s Annual Awards Banquet, held in conjunction with SME’s Annual Meeting.

**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.

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

**Questions**  
Questions may be directed to:  
Awards Coordinator E-mail: [awards@smenet.org](mailto:awards@smenet.org) or  
SME Member Services Department Phone: 303-948-4200