ASEE St. Lawrence Section Outstanding Educator Award

Nomination Deadline: February 26, 2021

The ASEE St. Lawrence Section Outstanding Educator Award is presented for excellence in the instruction of engineering, engineering technology or engineering science. The purpose of the award is to honor the recipient and to serve as an incentive to make further significant contributions to teaching.

I. The Award

The annual award consists of a certificate of recognition and a paid registration to the ASEE St. Lawrence Section Annual Meeting at which the presentation of the award is made.

II. Qualifications

Individuals within the St. Lawrence Section boundaries may be nominated for this award. Candidates may be teachers of any subject in the engineering and engineering technology curriculum of:

1. Two year private and public colleges awarding associate degrees in engineering or engineering technology programs, or

2. Three year colleges awarding three year diplomas.

In addition to the technical courses, the subjects may include humanities and social studies, mathematics, science and other subjects included in engineering and engineering technology curricula. The award recipient must agree to attend the ASEE St. Lawrence Section Annual Meeting (virtually or in-person) at which the award is presented; otherwise, the award will be given to the next highest ranked candidate who agrees to attend. Currently serving officers of the section and members of the Awards Committee are not eligible for nomination.

III. Evaluation

Nominees will be evaluated on the following two areas of criteria:

1. Teacher's personal attributes.

- Possess and be able to communicate a broad and accurate knowledge of the subject area;
- Possess self-confidence, create a feeling of harmony between self and students, and be able to meet difficulties with poise;
- Possess a sense of proportion, stressing fundamentals and disregarding trivial detail, and give assignments that challenge students, demanding thinking in the completion of assignments;
- Demonstrate an intense interest and enthusiasm for the subject area thereby motivating students to their fullest capacities;
- Be available for counseling students before and after graduation.

2. Teacher's professional contributions.

- Participation in the development of courses or curricula;
- Contribution to the improvement of laboratories or other facilities;
- Development of a generally applicable conceptual, mathematical or probability model;
- Publication of original work through any information medium;
- Development of teaching equipment or development of a wider application of teaching equipment previously developed.

IV. Nomination Procedure

Any member of the section (student, professional, etc.) may nominate candidates for this award by preparing a nomination package that must include the following. Self-nominations will not be accepted.

- 1. ASEE Awards cover page. (See attached.)
- 2. Fifty word citation suitable for reading at the annual award ceremony.

3. Documentation related to the award criteria consisting of no more than 4 pages. (Other personal vita/information will be disregarded).

4. Candidate's statement (no more than 500 words) regarding their teaching philosophy.

5. Three letters of recommendation from students or past students.

6. Three letters of recommendation from faculty, administration, or industry peers.

7. Candidate's commitment statement to attend the ASEE St. Lawrence Section Annual Meeting (virtually or in-person) if selected to receive the Section Outstanding Educator Award.

An electronic copy of the complete nomination package should be sent to the ASEE St. Lawrence Section Awards Committee Chair at the e-mail address listed below and must be received by 5:00pm, Friday, February 26, 2021. Any material received by the Awards Committee Chair after the deadline will not be used in the evaluation process for the 2021 award.

Contact Information:

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Candidates not selected for the award will be eligible to be re-nominated in the following year. These candidates will be afforded the opportunity to update their nomination package.