



APWA – INDIANA CHAPTER AWARDS YOUNG LEADER OF THE YEAR

- Purpose** To recognize and encourage young APWA members who have demonstrated an initial commitment to the profession and the association and show potential for future growth within the association. The award promotes the concept that length of career does not necessarily indicate leadership abilities or potential for service.
- Eligibility** Candidates must be members of APWA in good standing for five consecutive years and not exceed 35 years of age as of the deadline of the award submittal. Please include candidate’s birth date in nomination materials. The candidates must have demonstrated an ability and eagerness to act at the chapter or branch level and/or national by serving on committees, as an officer, heading projects, participating in programs or contributing in general to the well-being of the chapter.
- Criteria** Applications should address the following specific criteria:
1. Describe significant contributions to the nominee’s employer – provide specific examples where the nominee implemented new ideas, overcame problems, controlled costs, etc.
 2. Identify the nominee’s leadership roles – provide specific examples where the nominee helped to advance the cause of the public works profession either with leadership commitments to significant community projects, as an advocate for public works issues at the legislative level in local, state, or federal governments, or chapter leadership. Provide information on awards received.
 3. Demonstrate an ongoing commitment to continuing education in the public works field (i.e., related educational degree(s), attendance at workshops, seminars, or CEU credits, etc.) – provide specific examples of continuing education completed or classes led by the nominee
 4. Explain the commitment to advancing sustainability – provide specific information related to the nominee’s involvement in promoting sustainability within the profession.
- Selection** The Young Leader of the Year will be selected by a panel of judges consisting of the APWA–Indiana Chapter Scholarship/Awards Committee members and others appointed by the APWA – Indiana Chapter President. Membership of the panel will represent the public works field and other agencies with an active interest in the public works profession.

Nomination**Process**

Any governmental entity, group or individual may nominate candidates. Nominations are particularly encouraged from the APWA – Indiana Chapter. Self-nominations are not accepted. Submittals should include nomination form and supporting data form. It is encouraged that these materials be completed by the nominating party and not be left for the candidate to submit. Please refer to directions as outlined on supporting data form. Submissions are limited to ten (10) pages. The ten (10) pages do not include the letter of introduction from the nominator, the nomination form, the supporting data form or letters of recommendation (limited to six).

Deadline

February 4, 2022 at 5 p.m. E.S.T. (electronic submittals only)

Presentation

Awards winners will be recognized at the annual Indiana Chapter Golf Outing during Public Works Week in May. Winners will also be encouraged to submit their nomination at the National Level.

Submit to:

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