

2025 Annual Awards

The following awards are presented at the ASCE Florida Section's Annual Conference. It is not mandatory that an award be granted at intervals defined by the rules. The Awards Committee may choose not to award a category if there is no suitable candidate. A concerted effort shall be made to keep the recipient anonymous prior to the presentation of the award.

Any nominee shall be a member in good standing of the Florida Section of ASCE.

******Nomination Packages shall be prepared in a concise, easy-to-read format. To expedite the evaluation of each package, it is highly encouraged that each Branch carefully review each Selection Criteria. Each criterion shall be written on a stand-alone basis so that its contents may be evaluated with minimum cross referencing. ******

Engineer of the Year, Young Engineer of the Year and Student of the Year advance to the Region 5 Awards Program.

Engineer of the Year Award:

Honors an engineer who, through their activities and endeavors, has attained significant professional achievement to society and the engineering profession.

Young Engineer of the Year Award:

Honors a younger member engineer (35 years and younger) who, through their activities and endeavors, has attained significant professional achievement to society and the engineering profession.

Government Engineer of the Year Award:

Honors a government engineer who, through their activities and endeavors, has attained significant professional achievement to society and the engineering profession.

Branch of the Year Award:

Recognizes the Branch that has provided consistently excellent programs and activities throughout the year.

Project of the Year Award:

Honors a project with engineering efforts in research, design, construction, or management.

Sustainable Project of the Year Award:

Honors a project with engineering sustainable efforts in research, design, construction, or management.

Student of the Year Award:

Awarded to an outstanding civil engineering student as selected by the Student Activities Committee.

Student Outstanding Service of the Year Award:

Awarded to an undergraduate civil engineering student with outstanding service as selected by the Student Activities Committee.

Graduate Student of the Year Award:

Awarded to an outstanding civil engineering graduate student as selected by the Student Activities Committee.

Faculty Advisor of the Year Award:

Awarded to a Faculty Advisor who has provided outstanding leadership to their student chapter and contributed to the future of the Society, as selected by the Student Activities Committee.

President's Award:

Presented by the Florida Section President for outstanding service to the Section.

Byron Spangler Award:

Recognizes an engineer that has achieved special lifetime accomplishments in engineering and public service. This award is given intermittently, at the discretion of the Board, when a member of the Section has achieved such accomplishments.

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Engineer of the Year Award

- Purpose:** To recognize an outstanding Civil Engineer for their achievements over the past year.
- Award:** The Award shall consist of a plaque suitably inscribed, to be presented at the Section Annual Conference.
- Selection Procedure:** The Florida Section encourages each Branch to recognize an Engineer of the Year. Possibly through its Branch awards program and submit that recipient for consideration for Section Engineer of the Year; however, no Branch may submit more than one nominee.

The nomination package shall not exceed a total of 5 pages, ***including the Nomination Forms.***

Deceased persons are not eligible for nomination to the award, although the award can be posthumously made to a nominee whose petition has reached the Awards Committee during their lifetime. Only one recipient shall be named in any year. ***Section Officers are not eligible to receive this award while serving on the committee and for one year after.***

The Chairman of the Awards Committee will solicit nominations for Engineer of the Year and provide members of the committee with copies for review and ranking. The Chairman will advise the Board no later than July 1 that a nomination has been selected to receive the award. The Chairman shall be responsible for obtaining the award plaque, with the assistance of the Section office. The Chairman shall also be responsible for encouraging the award recipient to attend the Annual Conference where the award will be presented.

This competition serves to acquaint the public with activities and achievements of Civil Engineers. Within the Branch area, publicity can be obtained by supplying information on the individual to newspapers and broadcasters. It should be emphasized that the local achievement is part of a Section competition conducted by the American Society of Civil Engineers Florida Section. The Florida Section will publicize all nominations made.

- Selection Criteria:** This recognition is awarded to a nominee who is judged to have contributed substantially to the status of the engineering profession by:

- Personal character, integrity, and public image above reproach (10 points)
- Achievements and distinction in a technical field and mode of practice (government, education, industry, and private practice) (10 points)
- An established reputation for service to ASCE and the engineering profession (10 points)
- An established reputation for civic, community, and public activities and responsibilities (10 points)
- Significant contribution toward improving the professional aspects of civil engineering education (10 points)
- Professional guidance of qualified young people who seek civil engineering as a career; and professional development of young civil engineers in the formative stages of their careers (10 points); or
- Other evidence of merit, which, in the judgment of the Awards Committee, shall have advanced the Society's professional objectives (any officer involvement). (15 points)
- Additionally, highest level of education will be awarded at BS-6points, MS-8points, PhD-10points

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Young Engineer of the Year Award

- Purpose:** To recognize an outstanding Young Civil Engineer for their achievements over the past year.
- Award:** The Award shall consist of a plaque suitably inscribed, to be presented at the Section Annual Conference.
- Selection Procedure:** The Florida Section encourages each Branch to recognize a Young Engineer of the Year. Possibly through its Branch awards program and submit that recipient for consideration for Section Young Engineer of the Year; however, no Branch may submit more than one nominee.
- The nomination package shall not exceed a total of 5 pages, including the Nomination Form (first page).
- Deceased persons are not eligible for nomination to the award, although the award can be posthumously made to a nominee whose petition has reached the Awards Committee during their lifetime. Only one recipient shall be named in any year. Section Officers are not eligible to receive this award while serving on the committee and for one year after.
- The Chairman of the Awards Committee will solicit nominations for Young Engineer of the Year and provide members of the committee with copies for review and ranking. The Chairman will advise the Board no later than July 1 that a nomination has been selected to receive the award. The Chairman shall be responsible for obtaining the award plaque, with the assistance of the Section office. The Chairman shall also be responsible for encouraging the award recipient to attend the Annual Conference where the award will be presented.
- This competition serves to acquaint the public with activities and achievements of Young Civil Engineers. Within the Branch area, publicity can be obtained by supplying information on the individual to newspapers and broadcasters. It should be emphasized that the local achievement is part of a Section competition conducted by the American Society of Civil Engineers Florida Section. The Florida Section will publicize all nominations made.
- Selection Criteria:** This recognition is awarded annually to members who 35 years of age or younger on February 1 in the year of the award, and who is judged to have contributed substantially to the status of the engineering profession by:
- Personal character, integrity, and public image above reproach (10 points)
 - Achievements and distinction in a technical field and mode of practice (government, education, industry, and private practice) (10 points)
 - An established reputation for service to ASCE and the engineering profession (10 points)
 - An established reputation for civic, community, and public activities and responsibilities (10 points)
 - Significant contribution toward improving the professional aspects of civil engineering education (10 points)
 - Professional guidance of qualified young people who seek civil engineering as a career; and professional development of young civil engineers in the formative stages of their careers (10 points); or
 - Other evidence of merit, which, in the judgment of the Awards Committee, shall have advanced the Society's professional objectives (any officer involvement). (15 points)
 - Additionally, highest level of education will be awarded at BS-6points, MS-8points, PhD-10points

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Government Engineer of the Year Award

- Purpose:** To recognize an outstanding Government Civil Engineer for their achievements over the past year.
- Award:** The Award shall consist of a plaque suitably inscribed, to be presented at the Section Annual Conference.
- Selection Procedure:** The Florida Section encourages each Branch to recognize a Government Engineer of the Year. Possibly through its Branch awards program and submit that recipient for consideration for Section Government Engineer of the Year; however, no Branch may submit more than one nominee.
- The nomination package shall not exceed a total of 5 pages, **including the Nomination Form (first page).**
- Deceased persons are not eligible for nomination to the award, although the award can be posthumously made to a nominee whose petition has reached the Awards Committee during their lifetime. Only one recipient shall be named in any year. Section Officers are not eligible to receive this award while serving on the committee and for one year after.
- The Chairman of the Awards Committee will solicit nominations for Government Engineer of the Year and provide members of the committee with copies for review and ranking. The Chairman will advise the Board no later than July 1 that a nomination has been selected to receive the award. The Chairman shall be responsible for obtaining the award plaque, with the assistance of the Section office. The Chairman shall also be responsible for encouraging the award recipient to attend the Annual Conference where the award will be presented.
- This competition serves to acquaint the public with activities and achievements of Government Civil Engineers. Within the Branch area, publicity can be obtained by supplying information on the individual to newspapers and broadcasters. It should be emphasized that the local achievement is part of a Section competition conducted by the American Society of Civil Engineers Florida Section. The Florida Section will publicize all nominations made.
- Selection Criteria:** This recognition is awarded annually to members who are employed by a government agency (federal, state, local, etc), and who is judged to have contributed substantially to the status of the engineering profession by:
- Personal character, integrity, and public image above reproach (10 points)
 - Achievements and distinction in a technical field and mode of practice (government, education, industry, and private practice) (10 points)
 - An established reputation for service to ASCE and the engineering profession (10 points)
 - An established reputation for civic, community, and public activities and responsibilities (10 points)
 - Significant contribution toward improving the professional aspects of civil engineering education (10 points)
 - Professional guidance of qualified young people who seek civil engineering as a career; and professional development of young civil engineers in the formative stages of their careers (10 points); or
 - Other evidence of merit, which, in the judgment of the Awards Committee, shall have advanced the Society's professional objectives (any officer involvement). (15 points)
 - Additionally, highest level of education will be awarded at BS-6points, MS-8points, PhD-10points

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Branch of the Year

- Purpose:** To recognize an outstanding Branch for their achievements over the past year. The Florida Section encourages all Branches to seek the Branch of the Year Award
- Award:** The Award shall consist of a plaque suitably inscribed, to be presented at the Section Annual Conference.
- Selection Procedure:** Branches have the freedom to select the format and content of their nomination package and Branches are encouraged to focus on what it considers the strength of the Branch. Smaller Branches may want to emphasize their activities as a function of the total number of members in the Branch.
- The nomination package shall not exceed a total of 5 pages, **including the Nomination Form (first page)**.
- The Chairman of the Awards Committee will solicit nominations for Branch of the Year and provide members of the committee with copies for review and ranking. The Chairman will advise the Board no later than July 1 that a nomination has been selected to receive the award. The Chairman shall be responsible for obtaining the award plaque, with the assistance of the Section office. The Chairman shall also be responsible for encouraging the president of the winning Branch to attend the Annual Conference where the award will be presented.
- Selection Criteria:** Areas of activities in which the Branch was successful may include:
- Professional and technical activities
 - Social activities
 - Civic activities
 - Support of Student Activities
 - Membership development and retention
 - Newsletters and Publications
 - Public Relations
 - Younger Member Groups
 - Government Relations
 - Other strengths of the Branch

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Project of the Year

- Purpose:** To recognize outstanding civil engineering achievements in a Branch's geographic area and submit projects for consideration by the Awards Committee for the Section Project of the Year Award.
- Award:** The Award shall consist of a plaque suitably inscribed, to be presented at the Section Annual Conference.
- Selection Procedure:** All nominees for consideration for Section Project of the Year Award must be submitted by a Branch and must be a predominantly civil engineering project within the geographic boundary of the Branch.
- The nomination package shall not exceed a total of 5 pages, including the Nomination Form (first page).
- The Chairman of the Awards Committee will solicit nominations for Project of the Year and provide members of the committee with copies for review and ranking. The Chairman will advise the Board no later than July 1 that a nomination has been selected to receive the award. The Chairman shall be responsible for obtaining the award plaque, with the assistance of the Section office. The Chairman shall also be responsible for encouraging the owner of the project and the civil engineer of record to attend the Annual Conference where the award will be presented.
- Selection Criteria:** The award will be based on the civil engineering excellence according to the following guidelines:
- Innovative application of new or existing technology (25 points)
 - Future value to the engineering profession (20 points)
 - Social and economic considerations (15 points)
 - Complexity of the project (20 points)
 - Exceeding client needs (20 points)

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Sustainable Project of the Year

- Purpose:** To recognize outstanding civil engineering achievements in a Branch's geographic area and submit projects for consideration by the Awards Committee for the Section Sustainable Project of the Year Award.
- Award:** The Award shall consist of a plaque suitably inscribed, to be presented at the Section Annual Conference.
- Selection Procedure:** All nominees for consideration for Section Sustainable Project of the Year Award must be submitted by a Branch and must be a predominantly civil engineering project within the geographic boundary of the Branch.
- The nomination package shall not exceed a total of 5 pages, including the Nomination Form (first page).
- The Chairman of the Awards Committee will solicit nominations for Sustainable Project of the Year and provide members of the committee with copies for review and ranking. The Chairman will advise the Board no later than July 1 that a nomination has been selected to receive the award. The Chairman shall be responsible for obtaining the award plaque, with the assistance of the Section office. The Chairman shall also be responsible for encouraging the owner of the project and the civil engineer of record to attend the Annual Conference where the award will be presented.
- Selection Criteria:** The award will be based on the civil engineering excellence according to the following guidelines:
- The extent to which innovative design or construction methods improve economic, social, and environmental sustainability (25 points)
 - The promise shown by innovation to extend future developments in sustainability which may be evidenced in part by Envision rating and/or Institute, Section, or Branch awards (25 points)
 - The degree to which the project involves the public at the planning, design, construction, and operations stages in the development of the project (25 points)
 - The degree to which collaboration was an important aspect of the project as demonstrated by significant participation by other disciplines on the team (25 points)



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Student of the Year Award

Purpose: To recognize a civil engineering student who has contributed to the civil engineering profession through outstanding service as well as leadership and academic achievement.

Award: The Award shall consist of a plaque suitably inscribed shall be given at the Annual Conference.

Selection Procedure:

Each Branch having a Student Chapter(s) within its jurisdictional area may nominate one student to the Section Student Activities Committee per Student Chapter. Selection of the nominee shall be made in cooperation with the Student Chapter advisory personnel and the civil engineering faculty and shall be endorsed by the appropriate Branch President. The nomination shall be submitted on the standard forms.

The Student Activities Committee shall evaluate the nominations in accordance with the criteria contained herein. The individual point tabulations and evaluations shall remain confidential.

Selection Criteria:

To be eligible for nomination, the person shall:

- Be a full-time undergraduate student in civil engineering, as defined in the school catalog
- Be in good standing with a Student Chapter located within the Florida Section
- Have at least a 2.5 grade point average (based on a maximum of 4.0) in the civil engineering curriculum
- Be a member of the Student Chapter for more than one academic year

Selection will be based on a point system.

The maximum number of points that can be awarded for each category shall be as follows:

Student Chapter Service

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| • Officer | 10 points |
| • Committee member | 10 points |
| • Activities (conference activities, service projects, presentations, intramurals, Branch and Section meetings, field trips, Chapter socials, etc.) | 40 points |
| Subtotal | 60 points |

Other Service Activities

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| • University (student government, Engineering Fair, Tau Beta Pi, FES, tutoring, consultant, etc.) | 20 points |
| • Other (civic, church, etc.) | 10 points |
| Subtotal | 30 points |

Academic Achievement

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| • GPA, standing within class, Dean's list, scholarships, other academic recognition | 10 points |
| Subtotal | 10 points |

MAXIMUM POINT TOTAL:	100 points
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Student Outstanding Service of the Year Award

Purpose: To recognize a civil engineering student who has contributed to the civil engineering profession through outstanding service as well as leadership and academic achievement.

Award: The Award shall consist of a plaque suitably inscribed shall be given at the Annual Conference.

Selection Procedure:

Each Branch having a Student Chapter(s) within its jurisdictional area may nominate one student to the Section Student Activities Committee per Student Chapter. Selection of the nominee shall be made in cooperation with the Student Chapter advisory personnel and the civil engineering faculty and shall be endorsed by the appropriate Branch President. The nomination shall be submitted on the standard forms.

The Student Activities Committee shall evaluate the nominations in accordance with the criteria contained herein. The individual point tabulations and evaluations shall remain confidential.

Selection Criteria:

To be eligible for nomination, the person shall:

- Be a full-time undergraduate student in civil engineering, as defined in the school catalog
- Be a current dues-paying member of a Student Chapter
- Have at least a 2.5 grade point average (based on a maximum of 4.0) in the civil engineering curriculum
- Be a member of the Student Chapter for more than one academic year

Selection will be based on a point system.

The maximum number of points that can be awarded for each category shall be as follows:

Student Chapter Service

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| • Officer | 10 points |
| • Committee involvement | 10 points |
| • Other Activities (conference activities, service projects, presentations, intramurals, Branch and Section meetings, field trips, Chapter socials, etc.) | 45 points |

Subtotal	65 points
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Other Service Activities

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| • University (student government, Engineers Fair, Chi Epsilon, | |
| • Tau Beta Pi, FES, tutoring, consultant, etc.) | 20 points |
| • Other (civic, church, etc.) | 10 points |

Subtotal	30 points
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Academic Achievement

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| • GPA, standing within class, Dean's list, scholarships, | |
| • Other academic recognition | 5 points |

Subtotal	5 points
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MAXIMUM POINT TOTAL:	100 points
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Graduate Student of the Year Award

Purpose: To recognize a civil engineering graduate student who has made an outstanding leadership and service contribution to the civil engineering profession by their participation with the Student Chapter.

Award: The Award shall consist of a plaque suitably inscribed shall be given at the Annual Conference.

Selection Procedure:

Each Branch having a Student Chapter(s) within its jurisdictional area may nominate one student to the Section Student Activities Committee per Student Chapter. Selection of the nominee shall be made in cooperation with the Student Chapter advisory personnel and the civil engineering faculty and shall be endorsed by the appropriate Branch President. The nomination shall be submitted on the standard forms.

The Student Activities Committee shall evaluate the nominations in accordance with the criteria contained herein. The individual point tabulations and evaluations shall remain confidential.

Selection Criteria:

To be eligible for nomination, the person shall:

- Be a full-time graduate student in civil engineering, as defined in the school catalog
- Be a current dues-paying member of a Student Chapter
- Have at least a 2.5 grade point average (based on a maximum of 4.0) in the civil engineering curriculum.
- Be a member of the Student Chapter for more than one academic year.

Selection will be based on a point system.

The maximum number of points that can be awarded for each category shall be as follows:

Student Chapter Participation

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| • Service to the Student Chapter (committee participation, mentoring, liaison between Chapter and Branch, other) | 50 points |
| • Chapter activities (service projects, presentations, intramurals, field trips, Chapter socials, etc.) | 30 points |
| Subtotal | 80 points |

Academic Achievement

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| • Research Assistant, Teaching Assistant | 5 points |
| • Papers submitted for publication | 5 points |
| • General Academic Standing, Scholarships, Awards | 10 points |
| Subtotal | 20 points |

MAXIMUM POINT TOTAL:	100 points
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Faculty Advisor of the Year Award

Purpose: To recognize a Faculty Advisor who has provided outstanding leadership to their student chapter and contributed to the future of the Society

Award: The award shall consist of a plaque suitably shall be given at the Annual Conference.

Selection Procedure:

The Student Chapter President may nominate their Faculty Advisor to the Section Student Activities Committee through their local Branch. The nomination shall be submitted on the Award form by the date indicated on the Award form.

The Student Activities Committee shall evaluate the nominations in accordance with the criteria contained herein. The individual point tabulations and evaluations shall remain confidential.

Selection Criteria:

To be eligible for a nomination, the person shall:

- Be officially registered as the Chapter's Faculty Advisor with the Society.
- Be a current dues-paying member of the Society

The Student Chapter shall provide the following information:

- Number of junior and senior civil engineering students in the school's civil engineering department
- Number of students who attended the most recent Southeast Regional Conference (March 2024, Orlando, FL)
- Number of students who are planning to attend the next Southeast Regional Conference (March 2025, Athens, GA)
- Number of Florida Section meetings the student chapter has attended since the last Annual Conference (July 2024)
- Number of students who attended the most recent Florida Section Annual Conference (July 2024, Fort Myers, FL)

Selection will be based on a point system.

The maximum number of points that can be awarded for each category shall be as follows:

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| • Letter of Recommendation | 40 points |
| • Attendance at Student Chapter Events | 30 points |
| • Membership in ASCE | 20 points |
| • Annual Report submitted | 10 points |

MAXIMUM POINT TOTAL:

100 points