Use this guide to select the award that is best suited for your nomination.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Achievement Award

The Achievement Award is the highest award given by the Society of Women Engineers. It is presented annually to a woman who has made an outstanding contribution over a SIGNIFICANT period of time in a field of engineering. Her academic training may be in either science or engineering. She need not be a member of the Society.

Suzanne Jenniches Upward Mobility Award

The Upward Mobility Award recognizes a woman who has succeeded in rising within her organization to a significant management position such that she is able to influence the decision making process and has created a nurturing environment for other women in the workplace. Northrop Grumman has endowed this award.

Resnik Challenger Medal

The Resnik Challenger Medal was established in 1986 to honor SWE's Dr. Judith A. Resnik, NASA Mission Specialist on the ill-fated Challenger space shuttle flight on January 28, 1986. It is awarded only as merited for visionary contributions to space exploration. This award acknowledges a specific engineering breakthrough or achievement that has expanded the horizons of space exploration.

Rodney D. Chipp Memorial

The Rodney D. Chipp Memorial Award celebrates and recognizes a man or company who has contributed significantly to the acceptance and advancement of women in the engineering field.

Distinguished Engineering Educator

The Distinguished Engineering Educator Award is presented to a woman who, as a full time or emeritus engineering educator, has made significant contributions to the engineering profession. *Only SWE Members are eligible for this award*.

Distinguished New Engineer

The Distinguished New Engineer Award honors women engineers who have been actively engaged in engineering in the first 10 years of their careers. A maximum of 5 awards will be made annually. *Only SWE Members are eligible for this award.*

Fellow Grade

The Fellow Grade is an honor conferred on SWE members "in recognition of continuous service to the advancement of women in the engineering profession". *Only SWE Members are eligible for this award.*

Distinguished Service Award

The Distinguished Service Award recognizes a SWE member, affiliate or associate who has made a significant contribution(s) to the Society of Women Engineers, especially at the local and regional levels, or on Society SWE committees. This award is intended to recognize members whose involvement has been focused in areas not recognized by other SWE individual awards or member grade. A maximum of 5 awards may be presented annually. *Only SWE Members are eligible for this award*.

Entrepreneur Award

The SWE Entrepreneur Award honors the SWE Member who chose to follow a different path than her colleagues in the corporate and academic worlds by striking out on her own to start and/or maintain her own engineering, scientific or technology-based business, and in doing so, serves as a role model to all women who have ever risked financial security for the possibility of uncertain rewards. *Only SWE Members are eligible for this award.*

Work Life Integration Award

The SWE Work Life Integration Award honors an individual who has been instrumental in establishing a landmark program for their organization to improve the ability of women engineers and other employees to integrate or balance work and family responsibilities. In so doing, he or she has demonstrated recognition of the need for employees to integrate work, family and personal interests.

Emerging Leader Awards

The Emerging Leaders Awards honors any woman engineer who has been actively engaged in an engineering or technology profession, has demonstrated outstanding technical excellence as an individual resulting in significant accomplishments, and has ten (10) to fifteen (15) years of cumulative engineering experience as of December 31. Each advanced engineering degree counts as one year of experience. Periods of unemployment are omitted from the ten to fifteen years. A maximum of fifteen (15) awards will be made annually.

COLLEGIATE AWARDS

Collegiate Member Awards

The Collegiate Member Awards are bestowed upon SWE collegiate members with at least 2 years of SWE membership who have made an outstanding contribution to SWE, the engineering community, and their campus. The nominator of this award must be a SWE Collegiate Member, Collegiate Section Faculty Advisor, or a SWE Member in good standing. A maximum of five (5) awards will be given annually. *Only SWE Collegiate Members are eligible for this award*.

Outstanding Faculty Advisor Award

The Outstanding Faculty Advisor Award is bestowed upon a SWE collegiate leader who has made an outstanding contribution to a SWE collegiate section as an advisor. The nominator must be a SWE Professional or Collegiate Member in good standing and belong to the section the Faculty Advisor currently advises. A maximum of one (1) award will be made annually.

Outstanding SWE Counselor Award

The Outstanding SWE Counselor Award is bestowed upon a SWE collegiate leader who has made an outstanding contribution to a SWE collegiate section as a Counselor. The nominator must be a SWE Collegiate Member in good standing or a Faculty Advisor and belong to the section the SWE Counselor currently advises. *Only SWE Members are eligible for this award.*