

## **PROFESSIONAL EMERGING LEADER AWARD**

The Professional Emerging Leader (FEL) Award honors a SWE professional member who has been actively engaged in an engineering or technology degree, has demonstrated outstanding technical excellence, has consistently engaged with SWE, and at least 5 and no more than 15 years of experience. The award may be presented to one professional member annually.

The ideal candidate will be:

- A Professional member who has been actively engaged in an engineering or technology profession in significant accomplishments.
- A Professional member who has demonstrated outstanding leadership excellence
- A Professional member who has demonstrated consistent SWE membership and actively participates in SWE activities

### ***Eligibility***

- All candidates must be a SWE Region H member in good standing at the time of nomination.
- Is a current professional SWE member at least 5 and no more than 15 years of experience as of December 31 during the FY of the nomination. (Each advanced engineering degree obtained on a full-time basis counts as one year of experience. Periods of unemployment are omitted from the ten years.)

### ***Award submission***

Entry is due to [RegionH\\_Awards\\_Chair@swe.org](mailto:RegionH_Awards_Chair@swe.org) by June 30, 2008.

Nomination Packages must include the following information:

- Nomination form containing Nominee Personal Info
- Formal Statement
  - In 3,500 words or less, please highlight the nominee's achievements in the area for which he/she is being nominated.
  - Content for the Formal Statement should cover the main criteria of the award (Note: this information can be found in the *Judging Basis* section of this document).
- Endorsement by SWE leader and professional colleague.
  - Letter of Recommendation from Nominating Section
  - Letters of Recommendation
    - SWE leader
    - Professional colleague

### ***Judging Basis***

The main criteria for selection are based on:

- 50% Professional Achievements Demonstrating Leadership: Discuss the nominee's active engagement in an engineering or technology profession and achievements demonstrating leadership in her profession. This should include details on her leadership role, what responsibilities she had in this role, and tangible results of the project/team.

- 50% Community Involvement and Leadership Activities: Discuss the nominee's involvement in the community including the leadership roles held in community activities, including SWE. Emphasis should be given to activities in which the nominee was leading an event or activity.