



## 2012 REGION J AWARDS PACKAGE

The following awards will be presented at the 2012 SWE Western Regions Joint Conference February 29-March 3, 2012. The application deadline for consideration for these awards is February 10, 2012. Applicants should submit the appropriate materials in Word or PDF format via e-mail to

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- Professional Development
- Outstanding Collegiate Programs
- Distinguished Outreach Service

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Region J has created this award to recognize a professional section that has developed the best program or activity that is aligned with the SWE professional development goals.

#### *Minimum requirements:*

- SWE Professional section in good standing
- Program being nominated
  - Must have been offered during FY11 or FY12
  - Must not have previously won this award for a similar activity

#### *Application materials:*

In 750 words or less, highlight the section's professional development program or activity. Ensure that the items listed in the "Primary selection criteria" below are covered in the submission.

#### *Primary selection criteria:*

- *Relevance:* Provide details of how the program or activity supported SWE national, regional or section professional development goals.
- *Effectiveness:* The section should demonstrate the effectiveness of the program in terms of achieving the stated program goals. Additionally, survey information may be presented as a method of describing the program's effectiveness from the participants' perspectives.
- *Participation:* Describe how many section members and non-members participated in planning and attending the program (raw numbers and expressed as a percentage of section membership).

- *Program Innovation:* Explain how this program differs from others offered by other sections or from past offerings of this section.

### **OUTSTANDING COLLEGIATE PROGRAM**

This Region J award was created to recognize exceptional programs and activities of a collegiate section that are aligned with the SWE national or regional goals, mission, and/or strategic plan.

#### ***Minimum requirements:***

- SWE Collegiate section in good standing
- Program being nominated
  - Must have been offered during FY11 or FY12
  - Must not have previously won this award for a similar activity

#### ***Application materials:***

In 750 words or less, highlight the section's program or activity. Ensure that the items listed in the "Primary selection criteria" below are covered in the submission.

#### ***Primary selection criteria:***

- *Relevance:* Provide details of how the program or activity supported SWE national, regional or section goals, mission, and/or strategic plan.
- *Effectiveness:* The section should demonstrate the effectiveness of the program in terms of achieving the stated program goals. Additionally, survey information may be presented as a method of describing the program's effectiveness from the participants' perspectives.
- *Participation:* Describe how many section members and non-members participated in planning and attending the program (raw numbers and expressed as a percentage of section membership).
- *Program Innovation:* Explain how this program differs from others offered by other sections or from past offerings of this section.

### **DISTINGUISHED OUTREACH SERVICE**

The Northwest Star Region has established this award to recognize SWE members who have made a valuable contribution to the Society with specific emphasis in promoting SWE via K-12 outreach and STEM-related activities.

#### ***Minimum requirements:***

- Collegiate, Professional, or MAL member in good standing
- Minimum of 10 years of SWE membership

***Application materials:***

- Nominee's resume, SWE resume and biography (300 words or less)
- Candidate's statement of 750 words or less, demonstrating each of the "Primary selection criteria" noted below.

***Primary selection criteria:***

- *Leadership:* Include specific examples of demonstrated leadership by the nominee. List leadership positions held by the nominee. (Note: Service as an officer within the Society is not a requirement for the award selection.)
- *Dedicated Service:* Include nominee's frequency and continuity of service and scale and complexity of event planning, execution and participation.
- *Visibility:* Explain how the nominee promoted the visibility of SWE at the section and/or region level with respect to K-12 outreach and STEM-related activities.
- *Impact:* Explain how the nominee has made a lasting impact with her efforts and activities. Include details about those landmark activities and/or ideas that have cascaded throughout the Society. Explain how she has touched the lives of others while fulfilling SWE's mission.
- *Innovation:* Explain the nominee's innovation, originality and significance of activities and/or ideas and how she leads change.
- *Versatility:* Describe the nominee's versatility in performing a variety of services within the section and/or region.