

Criteria for the TSPE Awards

Please Note: All nominees for State Awards must be current TSPE members

Distinguished Service Award

This award was established to recognize the outstanding service of long-time TSPE members (Member, Life Member or Retired) for "eminence attained by technical contributions to the field of engineering or by exceptional contributions to the engineering profession". Persons, who hold a grade of membership of Member, Life or Retired, in good standing, are eligible for selection.

Young Engineer of the Year Award

This award recognizes TSPE members who have made outstanding contributions to the engineering profession and their communities during the early years of their careers. Any registered (P.E. or Engineer Intern) **TSPE member** who is 35 years of age or younger as of current year is eligible for nomination.

Professional Engineer in Government Award

This award recognizes a professional engineer employed by a local, state, or federal governmental agency who is a **TSPE member** and is currently engaged in the practice of engineering, either as a manager or technical employee, and are engineers by education (ABET accredited engineers degree) and by state license (PE or EI) are eligible. Engineers who have retired from the local, state or federal government in the last 12 months are also eligible.

Outstanding Professional Engineer of the Year Award

The Outstanding Professional Engineer of the Year is the highest award given to an individual by the Tennessee Society of Professional Engineers. Preferably, local chapters present the award to an engineer who is also eligible for the TSPE Outstanding Engineer of the Year nomination and the NSPE Award nomination.

This award provides TSPE the opportunity to recognize an individual's outstanding and unusual contributions to his/her profession, public welfare, and/or for the benefit of humankind. Any engineer of recognized standing is eligible for nomination, provided he/she is a **registered professional engineer** in Tennessee, **a member of TSPE**, and provided he/she is a citizen of the United States. The award committee makes the selection of the winner by weighing the following:

- ✓ The candidate's professional integrity is beyond question.
- ✓ The candidate's professional reputation is more than local in character
- ✓ The undertaking of services upon which the award is based are of high order

Outstanding Employer of the Year Award

The Outstanding Employer of the Year is given to a firm, company, or agency that employs engineers and has made outstanding contributions to the advancement and improvement of the engineering profession through its employment policies and practices.

Qualifications/Method of Selection:

Any firm, company, or agency with an office in Tennessee that employs engineers is eligible. This can include engineering design or consulting firms, construction companies, industries, research and development organizations, and governmental agencies. Outstanding Employer candidates must be nominated by a TSPE chapter.

The awards committee makes the selection of the winner by considering the following:

- ✓ Engineering Personnel/Licensure Information
- ✓ Recruitment Policies/Practices
- ✓ Employment Policies/Practices
- ✓ Professional Development Policies/Practices
- ✓ Special Practices Advancing or Promoting the Engineering Profession

Nomination Format

All Nominations must be made on the TSPE Nomination Form or in the nomination form's format and supporting data must be typed. Additional information, such as newspaper clips, etc., may be included.

Presentation

The winners of the state awards will be recognized at the TSPE Annual Meeting.