

2023 SDAWWA Awards Nominations

Nominations are being sought for the South Dakota AWWA George Warren Fuller Award, the AWWA Operator's Meritorious Service Award, the AWWA Gimmicks and Gadgets Contest, the AWWA Courageous Service Award, the Young Professionals Excellence Award, and several other national awards.

The deadline for the George Warren Fuller Award, Operator's Meritorious Service Award, Gimmicks and Gadgets Contest, Courageous Service Award, and the Young Professionals Excellence Award is **July 1, 2023**.

Submit entries to: Casey Skillingstad, casey.skillingstad@AE2S.com, 605-760-2220

SDAWWA George Warren Fuller Awards

George Warren Fuller Awards are presented annually by the sections to members of the American Water Works Association for distinguished service to the water supply field and in commemoration of the sound engineering skill, the brilliant diplomatic talent, and the constructive leadership of members in this association that characterized the life of George Warren Fuller.

To qualify for the award, the person must be an individual member or a duly appointed representative of an Organization Member of the American Water Works Association. Each section may make annual Fuller Award presentations equal to its number of directors on the Association Board of Directors.

Any section member may nominate an individual by submitting an application. The five previous winners of the award comprise the nomination committee.

The nomination application should include the nominee's full name, title, and mailing address. Please provide details of the nominee's distinguished service in the water supply field, which entitles him/her to the award, and a summary of the nominee's past employment. Also, please provide a recommendation of 50 words or less. The submitter should include their name, the date of submission, mailing address, phone number, and email address with the nomination.

Operator's Meritorious Service Award

The Operator's Meritorious Service Award recognizes section members for the following:

- *Continuous compliance with all public health standards in treated drinking water.*
- *Consistent and outstanding contribution to plant maintenance thereby prolonging the useful life of equipment.*
- *The development of new and/or modified equipment or significant process modifications to provide more efficient and/or effective treatment.*
- *Special efforts in the training of treatment plant operators.*
- *Special acts not directly related to water treatment, but which demonstrate dedication to the public beyond the normal operating responsibilities.*
- *Consistent and outstanding contribution to operation and/or maintenance of distribution lines, pump stations and reservoirs.*

Section members eligible to receive the Operator's Meritorious Service Award shall include any water supply or distribution individual who, during the time period of the meritorious activity, worked in any operations related capacity. Additional award description and an entry form can be found at www.awwa.org/Membership-Volunteering/Awards.

SDAWWA Gimmicks and Gadgets Contest

Each year the SDAWWA recognizes a novel and relatively simple mechanical device or procedure designed to provide a more efficient, safer, and/or simplified means of performing routine tasks or functions in the maintenance, operation, or construction of a water utility system. We welcome all entries and we hope each of you can benefit from each other's ideas. There is a cash prize (\$50.00) for the winner and the potential of time and money savings for others who use these unique devices.

The rules of the contest are as follows:

- *Any innovative device that has been invented or has been substantially rebuilt or remodeled from another standard device that is used regularly by your utility to save time or money, or that results in a safer operation may be entered.*
- *You must be an AWWA member to enter. Include your name, address, and phone number.*

AWWA Courageous Service Award

The Courageous Service Award is to give “official recognition of an act of courage on the part of an individual or group in the water utility profession”.

Criteria for the award are:

- *Individual(s) are employed by a water utility.*
- *The qualifying event happened within the past 12 months.*
- *Employee(s) have, due to extraordinary and/or catastrophic events, demonstrated acts of dedication to their profession.*
- *Have ensured and maintained the provision of water and wastewater services to the community they serve.*
- *Placed the needs of said community above their own safety and well-being.*

This award is to recognize the individuals and utilities that go above and beyond their normal scope of duties. The section believes these heroes deserve recognition and asks for your help in doing so. You will find additional award description and an entry form at www.awwa.org/Membership-Volunteering/Awards. The award presented will be a plaque to be presented by the AWWA official representative at the Annual Award Banquet.

SDAWWA Young Professionals Excellence Award

The South Dakota Section AWWA YP Excellence Award was established to recognize the contributions of young/new members whose service and achievements are exceptional for their years of experience. The award is given annually to one member of the organization that has demonstrated an active commitment to the organization and the profession as a whole.

Eligibility Requirements for Nomination:

- *A member in good standing with South Dakota Section AWWA.*
- *Less than 35 years of age, or less than ten years in the industry.*
- *Shows enthusiasm by participation in professional meetings, committees, events, and activities.*
- *Serves as a positive influence on the organization and profession by way of service, good fellowship, leadership, and commitment.*

Nomination Procedure:

A South Dakota Section AWWA member must complete the YP Nominee Qualification Information on behalf of a YP. Nominations must be submitted by July 1, 2023, and will be awarded at the Annual Conference in September.

Selection Process:

The South Dakota Section AWWA Awards Committee will review the nominations and select the winner for the South Dakota Section AWWA YP Excellence Award.

YP Nominee Qualifying Information:

- *What has the YP done in the past year to promote the water industry? Examples include advancing knowledge in the region (e.g., presenting at local conferences) or participating in community education and/or outreach activities.*
- *What has the YP done in the past year to advocate the transfer of knowledge from more experienced professionals to YPs (either internal or external to the nominee's employer)?*
- *Describe the YPs involvement with the SD Section AWWA during the past year. If the nominee has served on a SD Section AWWA committee, please list the committees and roles.*
- *What is the date the YP started working in the industry (not counting education)?*

Include the full name, mailing address, email, phone number and date of birth and the year in which the nominated young professional began their career in the water/wastewater industry. Additionally, the nominator shall include their name, contact number and email address.



Additional AWWA Awards

The American Water Works Association is seeking candidates for the 2023 association awards. The South Dakota section has many members and non-members who meet the criteria of the various awards. Please take a moment to read the following award descriptions and to look to your staff, city, or community members as being worthy of an award and recognition. Contact Casey Skillingstad, casey.skillingstad@AE2S.com or 605-760-2220 to receive an application form.

The awards deadline for each category is October 1, 2023.

Abel Wolman Award of Excellence

This award recognizes those whose career in the water works industry exemplify vision, creativity, and excellent professional performance characteristic of Abel Wolman's long and productive career.

Award of Merit

This award is to recognize those outside the water industry who have demonstrated outstanding service in support of the principles of AWWA in providing better water for people.

Distinguished Public Service Award

This award is presented in recognition of distinguished public service outside the line of duty by an AWWA member.

Honorary Member Award

This award is presented each year to individuals whose knowledge and accomplishments in the field of water supply entitle them to special recognition.

Outstanding Service to AWWA Award

This award recognizes and honors an AWWA member who has demonstrated outstanding service to the association through leadership and active participation in AWWA programs.

Water Industry Hall of Fame Award

This award recognizes those living and deceased who have made the most significant contributions to the field of public water supply.