



# Wisconsin Chapter Awards Program Information

## Outstanding New Member Award

**Purpose** To recognize and encourage new or young APWA-WI members who have demonstrated an initial commitment to the profession and the association and show potential for future growth within the association. The award promotes the concept that length of career does not necessarily indicate leadership abilities or potential for service. In addition, the award promotes that becoming an active member of the association will assist not only a stronger association, but stronger leader in the Public Works field.

**Eligibility** Candidates must be active members of APWA-WI for at least one year, but less than or equal to five years as of the deadline of the award submittal. Candidates must have demonstrated the ability and eagerness to act at the chapter level by serving on committee(s), participating in programs, attending conferences and/or contributing in general to the well-being of the chapter.

Candidates must show that they have accomplished one or more of the following:

- Contributed in some significant manner to his/her public agency or company by implementing new ideas, overcoming problems, controlling costs or any other activity that warrants recognition.
- Helped to advocate the cause of public works profession either with leadership commitments to significant community projects or as an advocate for public works issues at the legislative level in local, state, or federal governments.
- Demonstrated an ongoing commitment to continuing education in the public works field via educational degrees, workshops, seminars, CEU credits, speaking at conferences, etc.
- Demonstrated an ongoing commitment to advancing sustainability within the profession.
- Demonstrated a commitment to the APWA-WI Chapter by attending conferences, joining committee(s), participating in committee meetings, attending Executive Committee meeting(s), participating in nationally sponsored events such as Congress and Click, Listen & Learns and attending other Chapter events such as the annual Summer Golf Outing.

**Selection** The WI Chapter Awards Committee will review the nominations and provide an official recommendation to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will review the supporting documentation for the recommended award recipient and make a final award decision.



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- Nomination Process** Nominations may be made by an APWA entity or individual APWA members. Submittals should include nomination form and documentation supporting the purpose of the award and the award's eligibility requirements. The submittal should be sent to [sean.gehin@ci.wausau.wi.us](mailto:sean.gehin@ci.wausau.wi.us). The nomination and supporting data forms are available on the Chapter website, <http://Wisconsin.APWA.net/c/awardscommittee/>.
- Deadline** January 31, Annually
- Presentation** Winners are presented with the award at the Awards Reception party at the annual APWA chapter spring conference and featured in APWA chapter publications. Award recipients receive a plaque, as well as a free registration at National Congress if the award recipient elects to be a participant and selected by the Executive Committee to participate in the Emerging Leader Academy program, if not, then the registration is applied to a Wisconsin Chapter conference.