

GOLD MEDAL STUDENT AWARD TERMS OF REFERENCE

- Purpose** The Gold Medal Student Award bestows distinction on outstanding undergraduate engineering students and recognizes exceptional contributions to societal issues.
- Eligibility criteria** The nominee must meet the following requirements:
- Be a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada.
 - Be registered as a student member (where applicable) of the engineering profession in a provincial/territorial association. For example: APEGBC, APEGGA, APEGs, etc.
 - Be enrolled and in good standing, in a Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board accredited undergraduate engineering program at the time of the nomination.
 - Have not previously received this award.
 - As a student, through employment, volunteer or personal initiatives in Canada or on behalf of Canada, have had a major positive impact on the image of Canada's engineering profession.
- Nomination procedures**
- In September, Engineers Canada forwards the call for nominations to the Canadian Federation of Engineering Students, the deans of engineering at all universities that offer Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board accredited undergraduate engineering programs, and to the 12 provincial and territorial associations that regulate the practice of engineering in Canada.
 - All nominations must be put forth by a person or a group of persons who can attest to the nominee's accomplishments. Completion of the nominator section which the nomination form is required.
 - Confirmation of the student membership with a provincial/territorial engineering association (where applicable) must be indicated on the nomination form.
 - Nominations can be prepared in either English or French and Engineers Canada will arrange for translation as required.
 - There is no limit to the number of nominations that can be submitted.
 - Guidelines on completing and submitting a nomination are included with the nomination form.

The deadline for submitting nominations is 4 p.m. EST on Friday, January 6, 2012.

- Selection criteria** Outstanding contributions to societal issues through community involvement, outstanding achievements, leadership in the profession at the student level, and impact on the image of the engineering profession in Canada. Nominees will be rated as follows:
- Social impact (60 points)**
- Community involvement, including volunteerism, demonstration of social conscience that reflects well on the engineering profession in Canada, extracurricular activities that have a positive impact on society or the image of the engineering profession, and help to develop non-technical skills, outstanding achievements that have a positive impact on Canadian society.
- Role model (40 points)**
- Effective communicator and role model within the engineering student community, who has demonstrated strong leadership skills, professionalism and ethics through active community involvement, participation in engineering student societies, institutes or other professional bodies, or in activities that enhance the image of engineering students and the engineering profession in Canada, or increase public awareness of the career opportunities that exist in engineering.
- Selection process**
- Recipients will be selected by the Awards Committee of Engineers Canada.
 - The Awards Committee has the authority, after reviewing all nominations for the various awards, to determine whether or not an award will be given.
 - At the discretion of the Awards Committee, a maximum of two nominations or no more than 25% of the total number of candidates (whichever is less) may be brought forward for consideration the following year. The Awards Committee can only bring forward a candidate for consideration once.
 - Recipients will be notified by telephone and in writing.
- Announcement**
- The Gold Medal Student Award will be presented by Engineers Canada during its annual Awards Gala to be held in Niagara Falls on Saturday, June 2, 2012. This award has a \$10,000 cash value in the form of a scholarship.
 - Award recipients agree to standard publicity notification arranged by Engineers Canada.