

## **S486 INDUSTRY AND PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP AWARD COMMITTEE**

A. Status: Special Committee

B. Composition and Tenure:

The committee consists of the Chair plus six members. The term of service for members is two years. The Chair, usually a second-year committee member, serves a one-year term.

C. Functions:

1. To encourage nominations for this award.
2. To become familiar with the guidelines and procedures for this award and to be responsible for seeing that all nominations fulfill the required eligibility.
3. To evaluate nominations and to select from among those nominated the most outstanding nominee for the award.

D. Procedures:

1. The SSSA Headquarters Office distributes the nominations to the committee members and advises them of the scoring or ranking procedure to be followed. The Chair transmits any special instructions to the members.
2. The Chair reports the results of the committee's selection process to the General Awards Committee Chair (S472).
3. The Chair submits an annual report as requested by the Society.

E. Presidential Responsibilities:

The SSSA President:

1. Appoints new members to replace those whose terms expire and appoints the Chair of the committee.
2. Cooperates with the committee in its activities, as appropriate or in response to need.
3. Notifies the committee directly or via the General Awards Chair of all deadlines on award selection, annual report, etc.
4. Receives and takes action directly, or by referring to the SSSA Executive Committee and/or Board of Directors, as appropriate, all suggestions and/or recommendations for action from the committee.

F. Description of Award: New award description needed.

This award is presented in recognition of excellence in creating programs, practices, technology, or products which contribute to the significant enhancement of soil, through soil, environmental, natural resource, agricultural, and related sciences by a practicing private or governmental sector individuals (excluding university and extension sectors). Emphasis on the individuals' furtherance of SSSA goals, community service, professionalism, integrity, and public service will be evaluated. The aim is to recognize the creation of outstanding service and leadership outside of SSSA by industrial, private, and governmental employees. The award consists of a certificate and \$1000 honorarium.

G. Award Criteria:

Creation of programs and technology that extends beyond SSSA and to the development, advancement, and application of programs and technologies applied to improving environmental quality; agricultural productivity and profitability; or promotion and support of the soil, environmental, and agricultural science professions.

1. Includes the candidate's professional activities' impact on communities; and magnitude of influence on the success of related organizations or company programs in their field
2. Exceptional candidates will demonstrate creativity in professional service and support of the goals of SSSA
3. Creation of unique new relationships, rather than the variety of activities, is the major consideration
4. Leadership, innovativeness and excellent citizenship as evidenced by community service; effectiveness in public relations, educational or administrative activities designed to promote the effective use of soil science by the public; service and excellence in communications to the public concerning the application of soil science; and leadership and service in the advancement of sound practices in soil science and the standing of the profession also will be taken into consideration.

H. Format for Nominations:

The Chair and committee members shall review a copy of the nomination format online.

I. Eligibility of Nominations:

Nominations for this award are accepted only from individual active members of the Society. Members of the Executive Committee and members of the award committee are not eligible to submit nominations.

J. Eligibility of Nominees: Need to be merged

The nominees for this award must be active within the private sector and must not be employed by any public agency including colleges and universities. Membership in the Society is not required for this award.

J. Team Nominations: Item d below was listed for S481 only

Nomination of a team is acceptable, provided the following criteria are met: (a) at least one member of the team is a soil scientist; (b) where other disciplines are represented on the team, the soil scientist must have contributed 50% or more to the team effort; and (c) only publications where all team members are authors, or honors and awards received by the team, may be listed; individual efforts must be omitted from the nomination form; (d) only publications dated within, or relevant honors and awards received within, the last ten years, may be included on the nomination form.

K. Award Guidelines, Scoring, and Ranking Procedure

The members of the committee review each nomination. Using the award criteria as guidelines, each member ranks the nominees in order from 1 to n (the number of nominees). Each member's ranking is conveyed to the Chair; the award recipient is the nominee receiving the lowest score. The Chair does not vote. The chair only votes to break a tie.

L. Revising Guidelines or Procedures:

The award committee may recommend changes or revisions relative to criteria, description, selection process of recipients, etc., for this award. All recommendations must be approved by the SSSA Board of Directors or the Executive Committee before said recommendations may be implemented. It is preferable to submit recommendations through the Society Awards Chair. However, recommendations may be submitted through the President or directly to the Board of Directors or Executive Committee.

