

PURPOSE To recognize and encourage young APWA 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.

ELIGIBILITY Candidates must be active members of APWA for five consecutive years and not exceed 35 years of age as of the deadline of the award submittal. Please include candidate's birth date in nomination materials. The candidates must have demonstrated an ability and eagerness to act at the chapter or branch level by serving on committees, as an officer, heading projects, or contributing in general to the well-being of the chapter.

The candidate should have also 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, etc.;
- helped to advance the cause of the 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; and/or
- demonstrated an ongoing commitment to continuing education in the public works field (i.e., related educational degree(s), attendance at workshops, seminars, or CEU credits, etc.).

SELECTION The Awards Committee reviews the nominations and selects the winner(s).

NOMINATION PROCESS Nominations may be made by a chapter, APWA entity, or individual APWA members. Original submittal should include nomination form and supporting documentation that clearly addresses the eligibility requirements and candidate's professional work, community contributions, personal awards and education. Six copies of the submittal are required. These materials should be sent to APWA National. Submittals will not be returned.

DEADLINE March 2, 2009

PRESENTATION Winners are presented with a plaque at the Awards Recognition Ceremony during the APWA International Public Works Congress & Exposition and featured in APWA's publications.

- FORMER RECIPIENTS**
- 2008** Heidi Thummel, Market Development Manager, George Butler Associates, Lenexa, KS
 - 2007** Daniel R. Stack, P.E., Senior Civil Engineer, City of Overland Park, KS
 - 2006** Rob R. Krewson, P.E., Project Manager, BHC Rhodes, Overland Park, KS
 - 2005** Melissa Smith Gentry, P.E., Director of Public Works, City of Columbia, South Carolina
Anne M. Hays, P.E., Engineer III, HNTB Corporation, Overland Park, Kansas
 - 2004** Dawn Ritchie, Solid Waste Manager, City of Fort Wayne, IN
 - 2003** Wayne A. Gudenkauf, P.E., Senior Civil Engineer, City of Overland Park, KS
Patricia Hilderbrand, P.E., Planning Group Leader, City of Kansas City, MO
 - 2002** Alexander E. Attiah, Assistant Director of Public Works, Village of Winnetka, IL
Sarah Phillips, Assistant Director of Public Works, City of Paducah, KY
 - 2001** Brigitte Mayerhofer, Village Engineer, Village of Wilmette, IL
 - 2000** Jennifer L. Barlas, Director of Marketing, Ciorba Group, Inc., Chicago, IL
 - 1999** Stephen J. O'Neill, P.E., Project Manager, Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc., Watertown, MA