



Local Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement (LOCEA) Individual Awards 2026

The Local Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement (LOCEA) Awards recognize individuals who have made meaningful contributions to the civil engineering profession and the communities it serves. Honorees may be recognized for technical advancement, community and public service, K–12 outreach and university mentorship, professional leadership, and other efforts that strengthen the industry and inspire the next generation of civil engineers.

Individual Awards

Outstanding Engineer of the Year Awards (3 awardees total – 1 per category)

- Outstanding Engineer of the Year in the Public Sector
- Outstanding Engineer of the Year in the Private Sector
- Outstanding Young Engineer of the Year

Outstanding Advocate of the Year (1 awardee)

Outstanding ASCE Officer of the Year (1 awardee)

How to Apply

Google Form Link: <https://forms.gle/BN7A9RCp6HNvU9s19>

Dropbox Link: <https://www.dropbox.com/request/sxmUTMePxpE8ao4zyGZz>

Google Form + Dropbox is the preferred method for submissions. For further instructions, see page 5.

* Upon request, the Awards Committee can provide a fillable PDF or Word document as alternative submission option. If you require alternate submission options or have any questions, please contact Bianca Casem (awards@seattleasce.org).

All entries must be received prior to 11:59 PM Friday, May 1, 2026.

Google Form must be completed by due date listed above. Supplemental documents must also be submitted via Dropbox before the due date listed above.

Timeline

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| Application Deadline | May 1, 2026 – 11:59 PM |
| Application Confirmation | 5-7 business days of receipt |
| ASCE Seattle Section Awards Announcements | June 2026 |
| Awards Night | August or September 2026 |

Outstanding Engineer of the Year – Eligibility and Submission Info

Outstanding Engineer of the Year Awards (3 awardees total – 1 per category)

- **Outstanding Engineer of the Year in the Public Sector**
This award recognizes a public sector civil engineer working in a federal, state, county, city, or municipal agency, department, or authority having jurisdiction who demonstrates exceptional leadership and public service through integrity, and measurable impact that advances the public good.
- **Outstanding Engineer of the Year in the Private Sector**
This award recognizes a private sector civil engineer who demonstrates technical innovation and leadership in creative problem-solving, delivering measurable improvements in project performance, sustainability, constructability, or long-term value.
- **Outstanding Young Engineer of the Year**
This award recognizes a young civil engineer who has demonstrated exceptional early-career achievement through technical excellence, leadership, and service to the profession and community.

All of the following eligibility criteria must be met:

1. The nominee must live or work within the 9-county Seattle Section area (King, Snohomish, Kitsap, Whatcom, Skagit, San Juan, Island, Clallam, and Jefferson Counties).
2. A PE license is preferred; at minimum, the nominee must hold an EIT license in any U.S. state or Canadian province.
3. The nominee must be an ASCE Seattle Section member in good standing.
4. Public Sector and Private Sector nominees must have at least 5 total years of experience in their respective categories and must be currently working in the category for which they are nominated.
5. Young Engineer nominees must be 35 years old or younger as of December 31, 2025.
6. Previous winners may not compete in subsequent years for the same category.

Required Supplemental Documents:

1. Cover letter written by nominee addressing the following prompt:
Describe the nominee's pre-eminent qualifications by clearly highlighting what makes them outstanding. Focus on exceptional accomplishments in 2025, while also noting relevant overall experience and broader impact. Include specific examples, such as:
 - **Leadership and initiative:** How they led teams, projects, or initiatives beyond typical expectations
 - **Service and commitment:** Reliability, follow-through, and contributions to their organization and/or the profession (including volunteer service, as applicable)
 - **Innovation and problem-solving:** New ideas, improved processes, or solutions to technical or organizational challenges
 - **Broader influence:** Mentorship, collaboration, outreach, and efforts that advanced the civil engineering profession and/or benefited the community
2. The nominee's resume highlighting relevant professional experience and volunteer activities (including but not limited to education, ASCE roles, committees, leadership positions, awards, community involvement)
3. Letters of reference with contact information are desired but not required (maximum of three)
4. A recent headshot of the nominee for use in award materials

*** Items 1-3, nomination package, shall be compiled in a single PDF and shall not exceed 10 pages.*

Outstanding Advocate of the Year – Eligibility and Submission Info

Outstanding Advocate of the Year (*1 awardee*)

This award recognizes an individual who advances in the civil engineering profession through exceptional advocacy—elevating the role and value of civil engineers, promoting sound infrastructure policy and investment, and strengthening the profession’s voice with decision-makers and the public through outreach, education, and sustained leadership.

All of the following eligibility criteria must be met:

1. The nominee must live or work within the 9-county Seattle Section area (King, Snohomish, Kitsap, Whatcom, Skagit, San Juan, Island, Clallam, and Jefferson Counties).
2. The nominee must be an ASCE Seattle Section member in good standing, **OR** the nominee must be nominated by an ASCE Seattle Section member in good standing.

Required Supplemental Documents:

1. Cover letter written by nominee or nominator addressing the following prompt:
Describe the nominee’s pre-eminent qualifications by clearly highlighting what makes them outstanding. Focus on exceptional advocacy accomplishments in 2025, while also noting relevant overall experience and broader impact. Include specific examples, such as:
 - **Advocacy leadership and initiative:** Key advocacy efforts led in 2025 (e.g., convening stakeholders, leading campaigns, mobilizing members) and how this builds on their overall advocacy experience
 - **Service and commitment:** Notable contributions, reliability, and sustained dedication to advancing ASCE priorities and public policy goals
 - **Influence and communication:** Effective communication with decision-makers and the public (e.g., testimony, meetings, op-eds, presentations) and how their messaging advanced understanding of civil infrastructure needs
 - **Broader impact:** outcomes for the community/profession (e.g., stronger partnerships, increased engagement, visibility of civil engineering issues) and their ongoing positive impact beyond the year
2. The nominee’s resume highlighting relevant professional experience and volunteer activities (including but not limited to education, ASCE roles, committees, leadership positions, awards, community involvement)
3. Letters of reference with contact information are desired but not required (maximum of three)
4. A recent headshot of the nominee for use in award materials

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**** If nominee is not an ASCE member, cover letter must be written by the nominator.*

Outstanding ASCE Officer of the Year – Eligibility and Submission Info

Outstanding ASCE Officer of the Year (*1 awardee*)

This award recognizes an ASCE officer serving the Seattle Section, Branch, YMF, or an Institute who demonstrates outstanding volunteer service and leadership, dedicating time and effort to advance programs, engage members, and support the Section's mission.

All of the following eligibility criteria must be met:

1. The nominee must live or work within the 9-county Seattle Section area (King, Snohomish, Kitsap, Whatcom, Skagit, San Juan, Island, Clallam, and Jefferson Counties).
2. A PE license is preferred; at minimum, the nominee must hold an EIT license in any U.S. state or Canadian province.
3. The nominee must be an ASCE Seattle Section member in good standing.
4. The nominee must have been an active member and held a position (executive board or committee chair outlined per group's Duties and Procedures Manual) with the ASCE Seattle Section, ASCE Kitsap Branch, ASCE North Branch, ASCE Seattle YMF, or an ASCE Seattle Institute during 2024–2025.
5. The nominee must have demonstrated measurable impact in their role and shown continued dedication to their group.
6. Previous ASCE Officer of the Year may not compete for at least four years.

Required Supplemental Documents:

1. Cover letter written by nominee addressing the following prompt:
Describe the nominee's pre-eminent qualifications by clearly highlighting what makes them outstanding. Focus on exceptional accomplishments within ASCE Seattle Section in 2025, while also noting relevant overall service and broader impact. Include specific examples, such as:
 - **Leadership and initiative:** Key programs, events, or improvements the officer led in 2025 and how these builds on their overall leadership
 - **Service and commitment:** Notable contributions, reliability, responsiveness, and follow-through in their officer role, plus sustained dedication to the group's mission
 - **Operational Excellence:** How they strengthened planning, execution, communication, budgeting, documentation, or continuity in 2025, with lasting benefits beyond the year
 - **Broader influence:** Collaboration, mentorship, and member engagement in 2025, and their ongoing impact on the Section/Branch/YMF/Institute community
 - **Society-level involvement (optional):** Roles and impact at the ASCE Society level are a plus, but not required
2. The nominee's resume highlighting relevant professional experience and volunteer activities (including but not limited to education, ASCE roles, committees, leadership positions, awards, community involvement)
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4. A recent headshot of the nominee for use in award materials

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Submission Instructions

Google Form + Dropbox:

1. Please fill out the Google Form on nominee/nominator information.
 - ASCE Membership required for nominee/nominator

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2. Collect nomination package requirements listed under “Eligibility and Submission Info” for each category
3. Submit the supplemental documents via Dropbox link below.
 - Place nomination package and nominee headshot in one folder titled “Category_2026_Last Name”
 - Category: Public, Private, Young, Advocate, Officer
 - Example: Public_2026_Smith

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Evaluation Process

The Awards Committee will establish a judging panel comprised of experienced civil engineers from across ASCE Region 8, representing a diverse range of civil engineering disciplines to ensure comprehensive evaluation. Judges will be selected based on their expertise, professional integrity, and impartiality.

To maintain fairness and avoid conflicts of interest, judges **must not**:

- Have supervisory, reporting, or direct working relationship with any nominee.
- Be employed by the same firm/agency as a nominee *where a conflict could reasonably be perceived* (including direct business, financial, or contractual interests tied to the nomination).
- Be immediate family members of, or have close personal relationships with, any nominee.
- Have been involved in preparing the nomination materials for any nominee.

These restrictions are in place to ensure unbiased, objective assessments. Judges will review submissions based solely on merit, demonstrated excellence, leadership, service, and broader professional/community impact.

Applications will be evaluated holistically to identify the nominees who most clearly demonstrate excellence in the award criteria.