



Silver Medal Award

I. DEFINITION AND HISTORY

The honor of Silver Medal of the Society recognizes ASM members who are in mid-career positions (typically, 5 to 15 years of experience) for distinguished contributions in the field of materials science & engineering and for service to ASM and the materials science profession. The purpose of this award is to recognize outstanding leadership and professional service at an early stage and encourage individuals to grow, nurture, and further contribute to the growth of the profession as well as the Society.

Each year, up to two individuals, (one academic nominee and one non-academic nominee) in mid-career and of the age of 40 years or younger will be selected to be an ASM Silver Medallist due to good personal reputation and outstanding accomplishments in some phase of materials science, engineering, production, manufacturing, management, marketing, design, technology transfer, application of technology, and development, research or education as well as service to ASM and the profession of materials science. Judging will be based on three equally weighted criteria: 1) outstanding technical and/or business accomplishments in the field of materials science and engineering; 2) beneficial impact of the individual's contributions on industry and society; 3) volunteer professional service, especially through ASM. At the discretion of the selection committee, some preference may also be given to nominees whose contributions have not already been recognized with other prestigious awards.

II. RULES

- A. Two years of current, continuous membership in ASM International as an individual or as the voting representative of a Chapter sustaining membership at the time of nomination.
- B. Candidates for the award may be proposed by Chapters through their Executive Committee, Affiliate Societies, Regional Councils, Committees/Councils, Award Selection Committee, Awards Policy Committee, ASM Fellow or any five members of the Society.
- C. The Selection Committee will review only nominations submitted on the proper form.
- D. Nominations are to be no longer than ten (10) pages total (in 10 point font) plus a maximum of five (5) letters of support for a total of no more than 15 pages maximum.
- E. The candidates must be no more than 40 years of age on January 1 of the year in which the award is given.
- F. Nominations shall remain valid for three years, subject to the age limit described in Rule E.
- G. Recommendations must be submitted to ASM Headquarters not later than 1 February of the year in which the award is to be presented.

- H. A maximum of two Silver medal awards, one to an academic nominee and one to a non-academic nominee, may be given each year if suitable nominations are received in one or both categories.
- I. Individuals who have already been honored by a Fellow award or the Allan Ray Putnam Service award shall not be eligible for nomination for the Silver Medal. However, recipients of the Silver Medal are eligible for consideration for Fellow and/or Allan Ray Putnam Service awards.
- J. No candidate shall be selected for an award posthumously.
- K. Suggested citation of not more than thirty words should appear on the nomination form.
- L. It is the desire of the members of the Board of Trustees that the recipient be present at the awards presentation to receive appropriate recognition.

III. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF THE AWARD

The award shall be a silver medallion.

IV. AWARD SELECTION COMMITTEE

A. Appointments

- 1. Individual members and the chair of the Award Selection Committee shall be selected and appointed by the Awards Policy Committee.

B. Composition and Tenure

- 1. The committee shall be made up of ASM members.
- 2. The committee shall consist of minimum nine members including the chair.
- 3. The tenure for members of the Award Selection Committee shall be three years, with one-third of the members being replaced each year.

C. Report of the Selection Committee

- 1. The committee shall, by 1 April of the year in which the award is to be made, submit to the Awards Policy Committee a report, including nomination form and background information on the chosen nominee(s), as well as giving the rationale and documentation for selection.
- 2. A concise statement, in thirty words or less, of the recipients' accomplishments shall be composed by the Selection Committee. This should be a part of the report to the Awards Policy Committee.