

**“Call for Section Award Nominations”
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This year the Wisconsin Section of the ASABE will recognize outstanding achievement during their spring meeting in the *Oshkosh WI area (tentatively set for March, 2016)*. Wisconsin Section awards scheduled to be given in 2016 include:

- Agricultural and Biological Systems Engineering Career Achievement Award
- Wayne G. Russell Award
- Biological Systems Engineering Graduate Student of the Year
- Biological Systems Engineering Student of the Year
- Agricultural Engineering Technology Student of the Year

The purpose, eligibility and nomination procedures for each award are listed below. All nominations/suggestions should be forwarded to Brian Luck (bluck@wisc.edu), this year's Vice Chair of Awards.

Award Recipients will be asked to submit 5-10 pictures with captions for a slide show to be shown during the Awards Ceremony!

The deadline for nomination of these awards is **January 31, 2016**.

If you are aware of someone who is deserving of an award, but need assistance or are unable to complete the nomination please contact Brian Luck!

Without your recommendations and assistance, those most deserving of our awards may go unrecognized.

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Wisconsin Section of the ASABE

<p style="text-align: center;">AGRICULTURAL and BIOLOGICAL ENGINEERING CAREER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD</p>
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Purpose: To honor a Wisconsin Section member who has made outstanding contributions to Agricultural and Biological Engineering through work in research, education, design, and/or extension. Selection will be based on the candidate's lifetime accomplishments as an engineer.

Eligibility: The recipient must be a member of the Wisconsin Section of the ASABE in good standing. The award is intended for an individual approaching the twilight of their career or an individual who has recently retired.

Nomination Procedures: Nominations can be made by an individual (member or nonmember), group, company, or organization. Suggested data and areas of activity to be considered in preparing a nomination include:

1. Candidate's name, address and phone number.
2. Employment history including titles and duties.
3. Activities in ASABE. Offices held, committee activity, special awards, special duties, section activities, etc.
4. Activities and membership in other professional and scientific societies or organizations. Membership, offices held, committee activities, special awards, special assignments, etc.
5. International professional activities.
6. Registration as a professional engineer.
7. Accomplishments. Patents held, research development, methods and procedures developed, responsibilities in the development of equipment, structural systems, conservation methods, food processes, etc.
8. Publications, lectures, addresses, professional and scientific papers, books, bulletins, industrial publications and magazine articles.
9. Other desirable qualifications not included in the above suggestions.

A cover letter from the nominator, not to exceed 400 words, should be added to the above information summarizing the reasons for the nomination

WAYNE G. RUSSELL AWARD

Purpose: To recognize an individual or organization demonstrating exceptional commitment to helping the Wisconsin agriculture industry adopt new electric technology, farmstead mechanization and farm equipment. The award is named after the late Wayne G. Russell, former Rural Promotion Manager for Wisconsin Power & Light, who formulated the idea for the Electric Power and Equipment Farm Show in the late 1950's. Through Mr. Russell's efforts, the show has grown to become one of the most successful indoor farm equipment shows in the country. The award is co-sponsored by Wisconsin Power & Light and the Midwest Farm Equipment Association.

Eligibility: There are no specific eligibility requirements.

Nomination Procedures: Nominations can be made by an individual (ASABE member or nonmember), group, company, or organization. All nominations should be accompanied by a type written summary (maximum length of two pages) describing the candidates major contributions to Wisconsin's agricultural industry.

BIOLOGICAL SYSTEMS ENGINEERING STUDENT OF THE YEAR

Purpose: To honor an undergraduate Biological Systems Engineering student for achievement in preparation for a career in the profession. A \$150 monetary award is included in addition to the recognition.

Eligibility: The recipient must be enrolled in a Biological Systems Engineering program, must be a member of an authorized ASABE Student Branch, a national member (student or otherwise) of the ASABE, and must be making satisfactory progress toward a Bachelor's degree (as determined by the Student Branch faculty advisor). Students who have graduated prior to January 1 of the year in which the award is to be made are not eligible. Thus to be eligible for the awards being given in 2015, a student cannot have graduated prior to January 1, 2015.

Nomination Procedures: To be considered for this award, the candidate must submit a maximum of a one page typewritten summary describing the following:

1. ASABE Student Branch activities,
2. Campus wide activities and community service,
3. Scholastic achievement, and
4. Career goals.

The four areas within the summary will be equally weighted by the selection committee.

AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY STUDENT OF THE YEAR

Purpose: To honor an undergraduate student enrolled in an Agricultural Engineering Technology, Agricultural Mechanization, or Agricultural Mechanization and Management program for achievement in preparation for a career in the profession. A \$150 monetary award is included in addition to the recognition.

Eligibility: The recipient must be enrolled in an Agricultural Engineering Technology, Agricultural Mechanization, or Agricultural Mechanization and Management program, must be a member of an authorized ASAE Student Branch, a national member (student or otherwise) of the ASABE, and must be making satisfactory progress toward a Bachelor's degree (as determined by the Student Branch faculty advisor). Students who have graduated prior to January 1 of the year in which the award is to be made are not eligible. Thus to be eligible for the awards being given in 2015, a student cannot have graduated prior to January 1, 2015.

Nomination Procedures: To be considered for this award, the candidate must submit a maximum of a one page typewritten summary describing the following:

1. ASABE Student Branch activities,
2. Campus wide activities and community service,
3. Scholastic achievement, and
4. Career goals.

The four areas within the summary will be equally weighted by the selection committee.

BIOLOGICAL SYSTEMS ENGINEERING GRADUATE STUDENT OF THE YEAR

Purpose: To recognize a Biological Systems Engineering graduate student for singular achievement in developing and/or advancing the technology of engineering for food and agriculture. A \$150 monetary award is included in addition to the recognition.

Eligibility: The recipient must be a national ASABE member (student or otherwise) and must be making satisfactory progress toward a Masters or Ph.D. degree, or have recently completed said degree requirements. Students who have graduated prior to July 1 of the year previous to the year in which the award is to be made are not eligible. Thus to be eligible for the award being given in 2015, a student cannot have graduated prior to July 1, 2014.

Nomination Procedures: To be considered for this award, candidates must submit a two page type written summary.

The first page should contain the following data:

1. Candidate's Name, Address, and Current Position.
2. Professional Activities (summary of candidates' involvement in ASABE and other professional activities at a local, state, national, and/or international level). (10%)
3. Scholastic Achievement. (15%)
4. Publications and Presentations (list of lectures, addresses, professional and scientific papers, bulletins, magazine articles, etc.). (10%)
5. Career Goals. (5%)

The second page, entitled "Research Description" should contain:

6. The Nature of the Problem (an introduction to the research and description of the problem(s) to be solved). (10%)
7. Solution Procedures (a description of: experimental procedures, methods used, and/or approaches taken to solve the problem(s)). (25%)
8. Research Conclusions and Significance of the Results. (25%)

Pages 1 and 2 of the written summary will be weighted by the selection committee according to the percentages given in the parentheses.