



System Safety Society
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AWARDS CYCLE

Nominations for a given year are accepted at System Safety Society headquarters between May 15 and June 15. Awards are typically presented in conjunction with the annual International System Safety Conference and will be dated the year that the award cycle closed.

AWARDS SELECTION CRITERIA

Nominations may be submitted for six awards available to be presented to deserving safety professionals. Individuals, committees, or groups may submit nominations to the awards committee. Some nominations are designated specifically for individuals, while others may be for individuals, groups, committees, or organizations.

AWARD	ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS
Professional Development Award	Fellow and Senior Society members only.
Manager of the Year	Any System Safety Society member.
Engineer of the Year	Any System Safety Society member.
Educator of the Year	Any System Safety Society member involved in education.
Scientific Achievement Award	Any individual, group, or organization.
International Award	Any Society member, group, or organization.

Nominations will be screened by the awards committee and coordinated with the Operating Vice President for Professional Development. The awards committee makes the final selection.

For information regarding the Chapter of the Year Award and the President's Award, which are conferred according to criteria other than nominations from the membership, please see <https://system-safety.org/page/awards>.

Professional Development Award

The Professional Development Award of the System Safety Society is the highest award presented by the Society. It is presented annually to an individual for significant achievement in the advancement of the System Safety profession. The purpose of the award is to recognize individuals for sustained activity and contribution during the course of his or her career. No individual may receive this award more than once.

Selection is based on individual (working alone or as part of a group) contributions that have significantly advanced System Safety as a profession. Contributions that affect only a small segment of the profession, or that were accomplished for a single program, are not eligible. Eligibility for this award is limited to Senior and Fellow members who, throughout their career, have contributed to the growth and enhancement of System Safety as a profession and discipline.



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Examples of worthy qualifying activities are:

- a. Individual effort in working with state or federal bodies for official recognition of System Safety as a profession.
- b. Individual effort with government and/or private entities to incorporate System Safety concepts into the procurement, acquisition, or operating process for major segments of the national or international business, industrial or public segment of the System Safety community.
- c. Individual effort that brings national or international recognition of System Safety as a profession.

Manager of the Year Award

The Manager of the Year Award is presented annually to an individual member of the Society who has made significant contributions through the implementation of an effective System Safety management program for a major system effort. System Safety managers manage other engineers or are managers on a specific program. They are primarily responsible for the System Safety functions of that program. All members in good standing are eligible for this award. Selection is based on individual System Safety management actions that significantly contributed to the success of a major system effort, such as:

- a. The planning and development of a major program where the achieved risk reduction demonstrates significant contributions to the safety and effectiveness of the end product.
- b. Demonstration of management actions that made significant contributions to the safety of a system, product, or operation of a government or private organization.
- c. Development and implementation of an outstanding System Safety management approach that promulgates System Safety management policies and programs for a major segment of the System Safety community.
- d. Development of management methods or procedures for a major program that are applicable to a wide variety of System or Product Safety programs.
- e. Outstanding performance that brings national or international recognition and credit to the System Safety profession.
- f. Development and implementation of outstanding System Safety policies and programs that are promulgated throughout a major portion of the System Safety community and that significantly enhance the professional status, recognition, or



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effectiveness of a major segment of the System Safety community (e.g., aerospace, petroleum, nuclear, etc.).

- g. Long-term contributions that have significantly enhanced large segments of the System or Product Safety professions.
- h. Individual effort in promoting and/or implementing the development and presentation of System Safety educational and training courses that have improved the level and quality of System Safety implementation and understanding in a large segment of the System or Product Safety professions.

Engineer of the Year Award

The Engineer of the Year Award is presented annually to an individual member of the Society who has made contributions to System Safety by development of engineering methods, standards, or designs that have contributed significantly to the safety of operations of use of systems or products. System Safety engineers are those who perform the System Safety Engineering function (analysis, safety engineering design review, etc.) on a particular project. They are primarily responsible for the development and application of engineering standards for the safe interface and interaction between systems, within systems and between systems and people. All Society members in good standing are eligible for this award. Selection is based on individual actions that significantly contributed to the safe design and operation of a major effort, such as:

- a. Development of a major system or product design where it can be demonstrated that a significant contribution to the safety of the user has been achieved through the use of engineering practices.
- b. Development of engineering standards that contribute significantly to the safe design and operation of a major segment of the System or Consumer Product Safety community.

Educator of the Year Award

The System Safety Educator of the Year Award is presented annually for outstanding achievement in, or contribution to, System Safety education and the advancement of the state of knowledge in System Safety. Any Society member in good standing who has made significant contributions as a teacher or lecturer is eligible for this award. Selection will be based on individual contributions to an educational program that made significant advancement in the state of System Safety knowledge, such as:

- a. Planning and developing a System Safety educational program for a major educational institution to train engineers or managers in the application of System Safety principles to their specific area.



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- b. Planning, developing, and implementing an educational program on a continuing basis for a corporation or government agency where it can be demonstrated that significant advancement of the System Safety knowledge was achieved for a large segment of the System Safety community.

This award may be presented for activity over the course of a single year or that spans several years. Any member of the System Safety Society who has made significant contributions as a teacher or lecturer is eligible to receive this award.

System Safety Award for Achievement in Scientific Research and Development

The System Safety Award for Achievement in Scientific Research and Development is presented to an individual or group that has made contributions to the advancement of System Safety through research and development programs. Any individual (member or non-member) or group is eligible. Selection is based on individual or group actions that significantly contributed to the effectiveness of the application of System Safety programs in research and development, such as:

- a. Direction or coordination of a major research project that led to the development of new approaches to the application of System Safety principles/techniques to a major system (transportation, nuclear, etc.) or product (automobile, aircraft, or other major consumer product) where significant increases in the safety of the user can be demonstrated.
- b. The development of testing methods or standards that have contributed significantly to the safety interface between the system and the operator of the product and the consumer.
- c. The development of testing methods or standards that have clearly enhanced the safety of research and development testing operations. Standards/methods must have been adopted and implemented to standard practice in a major system or organization.
- d. Significant development in the process of evolving System Safety as a true discipline.

International Award

The International Award is presented to person(s) and /or organization(s) for outstanding achievement or performance of special service in the advancement of the discipline of System Safety in a country other than the United States of America (U.S.A.). The purpose is to recognize and foster the growth of System Safety outside the U.S.A. All person(s) or organization(s), regardless of citizenship, are eligible. Non-U.S. citizens are not eligible for



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awards for work performed in the U.S.A. The same guidelines apply for corporations, institutions, societies, and agencies. Selection is based on such issues/contributions as:

- a. Significant representation of the international community at International System Safety Society Conferences.
- b. Papers on System Safety that were published by the nominee in countries other than the U.S.A.
- c. Participation and contribution at other international conferences on safety.
- d. Clear demonstration of excellence in the application of System Safety in countries other than the U.S.A.
- e. Papers on System Safety submitted and published in *Journal of System Safety*.

NOMINATION PROCEDURES

For simplicity, a single award nomination process is used for all of these awards. Please read the instructions carefully, and you will find that all potential situations are covered. A letter format will be accepted as long as all of the necessary information is provided in the proper order. It is difficult to provide too much good justification for your nomination. Rather, the more frequent problem for the awards committee is having insufficient information to judge the validity of the nomination. An Awards Nomination Form is available on the System Safety Society web site at www.system-safety.org.

Each submission must contain the information requested on the nomination form, including:

1. Name of the award for which the nomination is being submitted.
2. Name of the individual, group, committee, organization, or firm being nominated.
 - a. If nominating an individual: the name, home address, and phone number, and the employer's work address, phone, and email address.
 - b. If nominating a group or committee: the name of the group or committee and the organization with which it is affiliated, along with the name, address, telephone number, and email address, of the chairperson.
 - c. If nominating an organization or firm: the name, address, and phone number of the firm, and the name, address, phone number, and email address of the chief executive officer, president, or owner.



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3. Name, address, phone number, and email address, of the person making the nomination.
4. If the nominee is an individual, the name of the employer, along with a brief description of the nominee's current position. If the nominee is a group, provide a description of the purpose of the group and the primary organization it supports.
5. A description of the key outstanding accomplishments of the nominee. It must be clear exactly how the nominee meets the criteria for the specific award. Please consider the award and its criteria when nominating. If you are nominating an individual for Engineer of the Year, the justification must contain "engineering-related" activities...if Manager of the Year, then "managerial-related" activities...if for a specific year, then only activities for that specific awards cycle.
 - a. For individuals, a summary of the nominee's educational and System Safety related professional accomplishments. Enumerate the nominee's contributions to the System Safety Society, the safety profession, and his/her employer and community.
 - b. For groups, committees, organizations, or firms, a summary of the nominee's contribution to the advancement of System Safety.
6. As an attachment to the nomination form, a list of references who will corroborate the nomination. Please include the name, address, phone number, and email address of persons who can provide comments concerning the nominee's performance. If multiple references are provided, please ensure that at least one is a System Safety Society member. Persons listed as references cannot be related to or employed by the nominee.
7. Providing additional documentation to support the nomination is appropriate. Suggested attachments to the nomination form are listed on the form itself.



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Submit all nominations to:

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Attn: Awards Committee
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