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Burbank Environmental Educator Award

AWARD PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The AZ Water Association Burbank Environmental Educator Award recognizes AZ Water members for significant contributions to promoting training activities in the water environment career field in the state of Arizona. There are two award categories: individual and organization/ institution.

BACKGROUND

While internationally recognized for his work around the world for industries, corporations, governments, and universities, Dr. Nathan C. Burbank Jr. is gratefully remembered as a major influence by those who had the personal privilege to know him. He was an inspirational instructor and mentor to those who worked with him through water/wastewater training classes at the Arizona State Environmental Technology Training Center (ASETTTC) on the Pima Community College campus, at the Ina Road WRF, at various other utility training locations, and at the state and federal prisons in Tucson, Arizona. Many students and student-inmates received their personal training and introduction into the water/wastewater industry through the opportunities presented by Dr. Burbank's ASETTC training programs coordinated with the state operator certification program during the 1980's and 1990's. These application-oriented training classes focused on career preparation and allowed many individuals to accomplish life-changing opportunities in the water utility industry.

While educated at some of the nation's highest-regarded institutions of learning (i.e. Harvard, M.I.T., and Stanford), Dr. Burbank never spoke over the heads of his students, treating all with the same influential caring guidance that fostered their loyalty, dedication and conscience to do the right thing. His personal, technical and intellectual influence has had broad and far-reaching impacts on the content and focus on numerous water environment training programs throughout Arizona.

Established in 1996 in the memory of Dr. Burbank, the AZ Water Association has been presenting this award to deserving individuals, organizations, or institutions that demonstrate the same attitude and zeal as Dr. Burbank.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Burbank Award selection committee is comprised of the Awards Program Committee..



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The committee shall consist of at least five members. Additional representation from the AZ Water Board may be added if needed.

The Committee Chair does not vote on the final induction process unless there is a tie in the voting. Only one award per category may be given out annually.

GENERAL CRITERIA

The nominee's accomplishments may be through any of the following documented¹ training activities: AZ Water Committee training activities, the development and implementation of public education programs geared towards the water environment; the instruction, development and delivery of such environmental training at municipal, county, or state educational institutions or organizations such as publicly owned treatment works, community colleges, universities, and/or private utility in-house training programs.

There are two award categories: individual and organization/institution. The criteria for consideration for each category are essentially the same:

1. Documented accomplishments in the water environment education fields
2. Identification and description of efforts to educate the public on water environment issues
3. There is no time limitation on when the training activity occurred, but a recipient may not receive the award more than once
4. Nominees must be a member of AZ Water in good standing.

Nominations received after the deadline, are held for consideration with the following year's nominations.

¹Documented refers to training activities which have been approved for college credits, or continuing education units (CEUs), or professional development hours (PDHs), by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality operator certification program or higher institutions of learning.

NOMINATION PROCESS

In order to submit an entry, complete all fields of the Burbank Environment Educator Award Entry Form on the Awards Program Committee webpage by the posted deadline. The online submission must include the following:



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1. A detailed narrative description of the educational activity and public education effort including objectives and results
2. A description of the nominee's ability to inspire and encourage the students
3. One scanned copy each of the documented program material approved for credits, CEUs, or PDHs.
4. Supplementary material which may include: a one page biography of the nominee, any other supporting material required under the criteria, or a statement of specific reasons why the nomination is being made.

ENTRY FORMS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ARE TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE ONLY

AWARD PRESENTATION

The award style is determined by the Awards Program Committee. The current award style is a 9" x 7" acrylic curvature sculpture.

The award is presented at the AZ Water Association Annual Conference.