



GAWP Awards Policies

Below are policies that are applicable to all awards. Be sure to fully read the criteria and policies included on a nomination form that may be applicable to that award only. Note that some awards may require membership in a national Association, supplementary documentation, involvement in GAWP and/or other national Associations.

To qualify for an individual award, an individual must be an active member of GAWP.

To qualify for facility and system Awards, the Utility or Company must be a Utility or Corporate member of GAWP. For contract operators annual dues are calculated based on the combined design flows of all facilities that they operate in Georgia. The annual dues will be computed as follows:

- \$67 per MGD for client facilities that are GAWP Utility Members, plus
- \$135 per MGD for client facilities that are not GAWP Utility Members.
- There is a minimum of \$135 per client, and there is no charge for industrial clients and clients with no flow component.

Inspectors will be paired into teams of at least two (one “seasoned inspector” will always be present on a team).

No inspector will be allowed to inspect a facility/program within their own category (if they are employed by a facility that is currently in the competition).

Inspectors must be individual members of GAWP – Corporate and/or Utility Membership does not apply.

All conflicts of interest will be avoided within reason.

Inspection teams will endeavor to bring back a unified total score and a unified recommendation to the Committee for final placing.

A final meeting of all inspectors is encouraged in order to discuss the findings and ultimate placing of each competitor.

Review and feedback to the participating programs/municipalities (or Summary Score Sheet) is of utmost importance and should be provided to participants within 3 weeks of the announcement of the winners.

Facilities applying for awards must be a GAWP Corporate/Utility member.

No violations are allowed for participating facilities for any Plant of the Year Awards– no exemptions – no exceptions.

A min. score of 90% MUST be realized in order for a facility/program to be recognized with an award – sole entries in a given category are NOT granted immunity from this requirement.

If a location has multiple discharge permits one permit must be chosen for competition regardless of flow, etc.

If a facility chooses to change categories for facilities at the same location they must refrain from competing for one year before being eligible to compete in a different category (only if they are at the same location).

No facility/program may win sequential awards in the same category.

Most GAWP Individual awards are life time recognition and can only be won once.