

Nominations are accepted for the following Region 5 Awards. The deadline for nominations is February 13, 2026.

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Outstanding Large Section (1501 or more members)

This award will be given for the most active and progressive SECTION based on: number of meetings; type of programs; strategic plan; PACE activities; interactions with Student Branches, Society Chapters, the Region, and other engineering societies; continued education for members; conference activities; and special projects.

Criteria

- **Planning (10%):** Describe the Strategic plan and the program planning of the unit for the past year and how it integrates with the Region and national goals.
- **Meetings (20%):** Describe meeting activities during the past year, emphasizing improvements including such things as number of meetings, attendance, quality of programs, special features, etc.
- **Continuing Education/Professional Development (20%):** Describe continuing education and professional development activities during the past year, emphasizing improvements including such things as number of offerings, participation, improvements over past year, planned future offerings, etc.
- **Membership (20%):** Discuss the changes in membership during the past year including such things as methods used to increase memberships, upgrade members, etc.
- **Cooperation/Interaction (10%):** Discuss cooperative or joint activities with other IEEE units as well as other professional or technical societies or organizations.
- **Special Activities/Innovations (10%):** Describe special activities or innovations of the unit during the past year.
- **IEEE Involvement (10%):** Discuss the involvement of the unit members in Region 5 and/or national IEEE activities.

Outstanding Medium Section (501 to 1500 members)

This award will be given for the most active and progressive SECTION based on: number of meetings; type of programs; strategic plan; PACE activities; interactions with Student Branches, Society Chapters, the Region, and other engineering societies; continued education for members; conference activities; and special projects.

Criteria

- Planning (10%): Describe the Strategic plan and the program planning of the unit for the past year and how it integrates with the Region and national goals.
- Meetings (20%): Describe meeting activities during the past year, emphasizing improvements including such things as number of meetings, attendance, quality of programs, special features, etc.
- Continuing Education/Professional Development (20%): Describe continuing education and professional development activities during the past year, emphasizing improvements including such things as number of offerings, participation, improvements over past year, planned future offerings, etc.
- Membership (20%): Discuss the changes in membership during the past year including such things as methods used to increase memberships, upgrade members, etc.
- Cooperation/Interaction (10%): Discuss cooperative or joint activities with other IEEE units as well as other professional or technical societies or organizations.
- Special Activities/Innovations (10%): Describe special activities or innovations of the unit during the past year.
- IEEE Involvement (10%): Discuss the involvement of the unit members in Region 5 and/or national IEEE activities.

Outstanding Small Section (500 or fewer members)

This award will be given for the most active and progressive section based on: type of programs; strategic plan; PACE activities; interactions with Student Branches, Society Chapters, the Region, and other engineering societies; continued education for members; conference activities; and special projects.

Criteria

- Planning (10%): Describe the Strategic plan and the program planning of the unit for the past year and how it integrates with the Region and national goals.
- Meetings (20%): Describe meeting activities during the past year, emphasizing improvements including such things as number of meetings, attendance, quality of programs, special features, etc.
- Continuing Education/Professional Development (20%): Describe continuing education and professional development activities during the past year, emphasizing improvements including such things as number of offerings, participation, improvements over past year, planned future offerings, etc.
- Membership (20%): Discuss the changes in membership during the past year including such things as methods used to increase memberships, upgrade members, etc.
- Cooperation/Interaction (10%): Discuss cooperative or joint activities with other IEEE units as well as other professional or technical societies or organizations.
- Special Activities/Innovations (10%): Describe special activities or innovations of the unit during the past year.
- IEEE Involvement (10%): Discuss the involvement of the unit members in Region 5 and/or national IEEE activities.

Jim Leonard R5 Outstanding Member Award

This award will be given to an individual MEMBER who has performed outstanding service to the Section, Region, and/or IEEE that promotes the objectives of the IEEE.

Criteria

- **NOTICE: Endorsements (two required) in addition to the person submitting the nomination. Endorsers are expected to write a brief endorsement and submit them on-line.**
- Local (30%): Describe in narrative form the nature of the outstanding service, which the nominee has rendered to the IEEE at the local level.
- Region (30%): Describe in narrative form the nature of the outstanding service, which the nominee has rendered to the IEEE at the regional level.
- National (30%): Describe in narrative form the nature of the outstanding service, which the nominee has rendered to the IEEE at the national level.
- Community (10%): Describe in narrative form the nature of the outstanding service, which the nominee has rendered to the community (other) level.

Outstanding Engineering Educator

This award will be given to an IEEE member who has performed in an outstanding manner in the field of engineering education.

Criteria

- **NOTICE: Endorsements (two required) in addition to the person submitting the nomination. Endorsers are expected to write a brief endorsement and submit them on-line.**
- Reason for Nomination: State succinctly why the nominee should be honored (15%)
- Involvement in engineering education - Each Institution/years (15%)
- List Papers, Technical Presentations, Proprietary Designs, Patents, etc. (10%)
- Service to students and contributions to student activities (30%)
- Service to the IEEE (10%)
- Service to the Engineering Profession in non-IEEE professional organizations (10%)
- Recognition through other honors (10%)

Outstanding Large Student Branch (> 50 Members)

This award will be given for the most active and progressive student branch based on the number of meetings, type of programs such as technical, professional, SPAX conference, interaction with the local Section, other student engineering groups, and special projects that advance the objectives of the IEEE.

Criteria

- Planning (10%): Describe the Strategic plan and the program planning of the unit for the year and how it integrates with the Region and national goals.
- Meetings (20%): Describe meeting activities during the past year, emphasizing improvements including such things as number of meetings, attendance, quality of programs, special features, etc.
- Continuing Education/Professional Development (20%): Describe continuing education and professional development activities during the past year, emphasizing improvements including such things as number of offerings, participation, improvements over past year, planned future offerings, etc.
- Membership (20%): Discuss the changes in membership during the past year including such things as methods used to increase memberships, upgrade members, etc.
- Cooperation/Interaction (10%): Discuss cooperative or joint activities with other IEEE units as well as other professional or technical societies or organizations.
- Special Activities/Innovations (10%): Describe any special activities or innovations of the unit during the past year.
- IEEE Involvement (10%): Discuss the involvement of the unit members in Region 5 and/or national IEEE activities.

Outstanding Small Student Branch (≤50 Members)

This award will be given for the most active and progressive student branch based on the number of meetings, type of programs such as technical, professional, S-PAC conference, interaction with the local Section, other student engineering groups, and special projects that advance the objectives of the IEEE.

Criteria

- Planning (10%): Describe the Strategic plan and the program planning of the unit for the year and how it integrates with the Region and national goals.
- Meetings (20%): Describe meeting activities during the past year, emphasizing improvements including such things as number of meetings, attendance, quality of programs, special features, etc.
- Continuing Education/Professional Development (20%): Describe continuing education and professional development activities during the past year, emphasizing improvements including such things as number of offerings, participation, improvements over past year, planned future offerings, etc.
- Membership (20%): Discuss the changes in membership during the past year including such things as methods used to increase memberships, upgrade members, etc.
- Cooperation/Interaction (10%): Discuss cooperative or joint activities with other IEEE units as well as other professional or technical societies or organizations.
- Special Activities/Innovations (10%): Describe any special activities or innovations of the unit during the past year.
- IEEE Involvement (10%): Discuss the involvement of the unit members in Region 5 and/or national IEEE activities.

Outstanding Student Member

This award will be presented to an undergraduate student member who has given outstanding contributions of time and effort to the Student Branch, the Section, the Region, or the national IEEE to advance the principles of IEEE. This individual may have graduated, but must have been a student member of IEEE during the calendar year of the award consideration.

Criteria

- Describe in narrative form the nature of the outstanding service, which the nominee has rendered to the IEEE Student Branch, to the department, participation in the local IEEE Section, participation in Regional Student activities, and honors received by the student.
- Service to Student Branch (20%)
- Service to Department (20%)
- Involvement with Section (20%)
- Regional Activities (20%)
- Student's Honors (20%)

Outstanding Student Branch Counselor

This award will be given to the student branch counselor that has best supported their Student Branch and promoted the objectives of the IEEE.

Criteria

- Describe in narrative form the nature of the outstanding service, which the nominee has rendered to the IEEE in regard to student activities. (25%)
- Involvement in engineering education: Institution and years at each. (15%)
- Service to students and contributions to student activities. (35%)
- Service to the IEEE. (15%)
- Service to the Engineering Profession in non-IEEE professional organizations. (10%)

Outstanding Large Company (>500 engineering employees)

This award will be given to a company within the Region, nominated by a Section that strongly supports IEEE members, Region 5, and the objectives of IEEE. A Section may nominate more than one company.

Criteria

- Describe in narrative form the nature of the outstanding support that the Company has rendered to the IEEE at the local, regional, and/or national level.
- Support of IEEE at Region and Institute level (30%)
- Support of local IEEE Section (30%)
- Support of employee participation in IEEE activities (20%)
- Support of employee membership through payment of IEEE dues (20%)

Outstanding Small Company (\leq 500 engineering employees)

This award will be given to a company within the Region, nominated by a Section that strongly supports IEEE members, Region 5, and the objectives of IEEE. A Section may nominate more than one company.

Criteria

- Describe in narrative form the nature of the outstanding support that the Company has rendered to the IEEE at the local, regional, and/or national level.
- Support of IEEE at Region and Institute level (30%)
- Support of local IEEE Section (30%)
- Support of employee participation in IEEE activities (20%)
- Support of employee membership through payment of IEEE dues (20%)

John Meredith Region 5 Lifetime Achievement Award

This award is designed to recognize long-term service and achievement in IEEE and Region 5.

Criteria

- **NOTICE: Endorsements (two required) in addition to the person submitting the nomination. Endorsers are expected to write a brief endorsement and submit them on-line.**
- Award is designed to recognize long term service on the IEEE Region 5 Committee and IEEE at

multiple levels.

- Describe in narrative form the nature of the service and accomplishments which the nominee has rendered to the IEEE at the local/section level. (25%)
- Describe in narrative form the nature of the sustained service and accomplishments which the nominee has rendered to IEEE Region 5. (40%)
- Describe in narrative form the nature of the service and accomplishments which the nominee has rendered to the IEEE at the national and international level. (25%)
- Describe in narrative form the nature of the service and accomplishments which the nominee has rendered to the community (other) level. (10%)

Young Professional Member

This award is designed to recognize those substantive projects or achievements of a relatively short nature (one to three years) but which have left an undeniable imprint on the fabric of Young Professional (formerly GOLD) operations within Region 5. The award will be based on a selection that recognizes individuals involved with Young Professional activities who are recognized for singular achievement in the development and completion of a project(s) or activity(ies) which are directed to the fulfillment of one or more of the Region's goals and/or objectives. The individuals nominated must be Young Professional members at the time of nomination.

Criteria

- **NOTICE: Endorsements (two required) in addition to the person submitting the nomination. Endorsers are expected to write a brief endorsement and submit them on-line.**
- This award is designed to recognize those substantive projects or achievement of a relatively short nature (one to three years) but which have left an undeniable imprint on the fabric of Young Professional (formerly GOLD) operations within Region 5. The award will be based on a selection that recognizes individuals involved with Young Professional activities that are recognized for singular achievement in the development and completion of a project(s) or activity(ies) which are directed to the fulfillment of one or more of the Region's goals and/or objectives. The individuals nominated must be Young Professional members at the time of nomination.
- Nominee's Current Responsibilities (20%)
- Region's Goals and/or Objectives Met through Project/Activity (30%)
- How Goals Were Met (30%)
- Significant Nature of Project/Activity (20%)

Individual Member Achievement

Awards will be given to individuals within Region 5 for outstanding achievements during the past year. Multiple awards may be given at the discretion of the Awards Committee.

Criteria

- **NOTICE: Endorsements (two required) in addition to the person submitting the nomination. Endorsers are expected to write a brief endorsement and submit them on-line.**
- Describe in narrative form the nature of the outstanding accomplishment which the nominee has rendered to the IEEE at the local, regional, and/or national level. Up to 5 awards may be given per year in this category.
- Nominee's Current Responsibilities (20%)
- How were IEEE / Region 5 goals and/or objectives met through project/activity? (30%)
- How were goals met? Was a sustainable program or activity developed? (30%)
- Significant Nature of Project/Activity (20%)