AWS CWI LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

I. History and Background

In 2018, the American Welding Society established the AWS Certified Welding Inspector Lifetime Achievement Award (CWI LAA) to recognize individual members for a career of distinguished service, leadership, outstanding accomplishments, and innovative contributions towards enhancing the image and technology of welding inspection. Individuals receiving the award may be currently working as a CWI or have worked as one in the past.

II. Program Structure and Rules

1. Nominees must have actively worked as an AWS CWI or SCWI for a minimum of 18 years, being a minimum two nine-year renewal cycles.
2. Nominees shall have been an AWS member for at least 15 years.
3. Each candidate must be nominated by at least four members of AWS.
4. All nominations shall be submitted on the official form available from AWS Headquarters.
5. Nomination packages must be received by AWS headquarters no later than July 1st of the year prior to that in which the award will be presented.
6. All required information as listed in Section III below must be included in the nomination package, or the package will be returned and not considered by the Selection Committee
7. All information received in nomination packages will be held in strict confidence by AWS.
8. All nomination packages received will be valid for a period of one year.
9. The Selection Committee will select a maximum of 5 recipients each year.

III. Nomination Package Guidelines

Each proposer must compose and assemble a nomination package containing the four items listed below. Packages should be prepared in a manner which communicates the nominee's background in a clear and precise manner to the selection committee. Consider limiting the collection of supporting documentation to 40 pages or less.

1. Completed CWI Lifetime Achievement Award Nomination Form.
2. Citation Statement - A 50 to 100-word statement describing key outstanding accomplishments or contributions of the nominee providing the overall basis for receipt of the award. The Citation Statement will be read during presentation of the award and should summarize key points listed in Section III–3 below.
3. Description of Accomplishments - To clearly describe the nominee's contributions to the field of welding inspection and welding inspection technology suitable for consideration for the CWI LAA, please provide descriptions of the nominee's accomplishments in any or all of the categories listed in a. through m. below. Descriptions should be focused on experience strictly within the scope of the CWI credential. Experience in other non-visual inspection areas such as nondestructive examination, QMS audits, etc., will be considered by the committee as supplementary information only. Attention to detail and provision of supporting documentation is encouraged to best communicate the nominee's worthiness of this award.

Important in demonstrating the candidate's impact in these areas are the following:

a. A description of significant contributions to the field of welding inspection. This should be a brief summary of the candidate's most significant contributions to innovative advancement of welding inspection.

b. Evidence of participation in activities directly related to the recruitment, training, education and/or mentorship of individuals entering the field of welding inspection.

c. Publication of books, papers, articles, or other significant works related to welding inspection.

d. Development of novel concepts or tools related to welding inspection.

e. Professional recognition including awards and honors from AWS, other professional organizations, industry, or other recognized bodies where welding inspection is a focus.

f. Meaningful participation in AWS committees, Sections or other AWS voluntary contributions related to welding inspection.

g. Contributions to handbooks and standards related to welding inspection technology.

h. Presentations made at technical sessions, including Section meetings related to the welding inspection industry.

i. Consultancy in technical matters or welding industry business matters, including expert witness activities related to welding inspection.

j. Leadership in AWS or private industry, particularly as it impacts advancement of the welding inspection profession.

k. Participation on organizing committees for technical programs and seminars where welding inspection is a primary focus.

l. Advocacy in support of AWS through institutional, political, or other means.

m. Facilitating others to participate as a volunteer in advancement of the welding inspection profession.

4. Minimum of 4 letters of recommendation; one by each of the nominating members listed on the CWI LAA Nomination Form. At least one letter from a previous employer, or two letters from clients, is encouraged. Each letter must be signed and dated by the nominator and include their respective AWS member number, if applicable. The letters should describe specific instances in detail as they relate to Paragraph 3 above. They should provide personal insight into the contribution and stature of the candidate. Letters simply endorsing the candidate will have little impact on the selection process.

Return completed CWI LAA nomination packages to:

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Miami, FL 33166

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CWI LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINATION FORM

District Affiliation:	Section Affiliation:	
Member Number:	CWI Certification Number:	Expiration:
Name of Nominee:		
Home Address:		
Home Telephone:	Email address:	
Present Employer:		
Address:		
Telephone:		
Position/Title:	Service: From-To	
Type of Business:		
Previous Employment:		
Address:		
Telephone:		
Position/Title:	Service: From-To	
Type of Business:		

SUBMITTED BY: _____

PROPOSER: _____

AWS Member Number: _____

Nominating Member: _____ AWS Member Number: _____

Nominating Member: _____ AWS Member Number: _____

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SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS JULY 1, 2026