

# Distinguished Welder Award Nomination Form

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF CANDIDATE \_\_\_\_\_

AWS MEMBER NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ YEARS OF AWS MEMBERSHIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTRY \_\_\_\_\_

PRESENT COMPANY / INSTITUTION AFFILIATION:

\_\_\_\_\_  
TITLE/POSITION \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTRY \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS PHONE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

HOME or CELL PHONE NO \_\_\_\_\_

YEARS EXPERIENCE AS A WELDER AND/OR SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_

**Return the completed Distinguished Welder Award nomination package to:**

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**Deadline May 1**

## **National Distinguished Welder Award**

This award will recognize an individual whose welding skills and experience would earn her or him the recognition of being an AWS Distinguished Welder. A nomination packet should include information addressing the Definition and candidate's Application Criteria as outlined in the AWS Distinguished Welder Award Nomination Form. The focus of the nomination packet should include specifics of the individual's skills. May 1 is the deadline for submitting the nomination to the address listed on the form. This award category is recognized at the National-level only.

### **Distinguished Welder Award Definition and Selection Criteria,**

Through supporting records, testimonies and documentation, a nomination packet for a nominee must be submitted by May 1 of the selection year for consideration. The amount of information submitted is not as significant as the specifics provided for the individual being nominated. Information submitted should address all the Definition and Selection criteria listed below within this document.

#### **Definition:**

- A Distinguished Welder consistently makes welds free of rejectable discontinuities and exhibiting uniformity, smooth bead appearance, and other visual attributes that identify excellent workmanship and welding aesthetics that come with practice and developed over many years of quality welding
- Must be able to pass multiple tests in multiple or single processes through mechanical and non-destructive testing
- Must be able to mentor other welders under him or her and promote their efforts to produce acceptable welds that exhibit superior workmanship
- Must be able to produce welds in a timely manner while safely following the company procedures
- Must be able to read blue prints and welding procedures with no supervision
- The Distinguished Welder is an all-around hand with skills in material preparation, layout and fit-up, and visual quality assessment

#### **Candidate Application Criteria:**

- Shall have a minimum of 15 years' experience as a welder and/or supervisor
- Shown to have passed multiple tests in multiple or single processes free of rejectable discontinuities and exhibit uniformity, smooth bead appearance, and other visual attributes that identify excellent workmanship and welding aesthetics learned over many years of quality welding
- Must have good teamwork skills
- Must be able to interpret and utilize various welding codes and standards, including but not limited to AWS, ASME, and API
- Must be able to interpret welding and nondestructive examination symbols on drawings

- Must be able to repair base materials and welding metal discontinuities
- Maintains a safe work environment and is proficient in recognizing safety hazards
- Must be able to perform proper use of Hazardous Materials and understand the use of Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS)
- Must be able to explain safety for specific welding processes
- Must be familiar with AWS Standards and Safety Fact Sheets and OSHA 1910 Subpart Q or other applicable regulations
- Troubleshoot and maintain equipment
- Weld components in flat, vertical, horizontal, or overhead as appropriate for the given welding process
- Recognize, set-up, operate and maintain hand and power tools common to welding
- Perform joint preparation and assure cleanliness, perform weld fit-up, maintain fabrication tolerance
- Perform and maintain preheat and interpass temperatures
- Recognize procedures to incorporate Post Weld Heat Treatment
- Employ fabrication techniques to reduce welding stress and distortion
- Understands basic welding metallurgy
- Understand and follow Welding Procedure Specifications
- Demonstrate experience in examination or measurements to verify that an item or activity conforms to specified requirements
- Understand material inspection
- Understand QA/QC
- Perform visual inspection and understand various criteria

A maximum of 10 individuals may be selected as a Distinguished Welder per year as determined by the selection Committee. Nominations shall remain valid for three years.

If the maximum number of Distinguished Welders allowed under the rules is reached, the additional candidates are deferred until the next year, consistent with their time eligibility. If less than the maximum number is identified, the remaining candidates are deferred until the next year, consistent with their time eligibility.

**Supporting Letters:**

Letters of support from those knowledgeable of the candidate's skills and contributions are encouraged. These letters should address the metrics listed above and provide personal insight into the stature and contributions of the candidate. Letters of support that simply endorse the candidate will have little impact on the selection process.