



LECTURE AWARDS

Award Name	Nomination Deadline	Award Description	Nomination Package Submitted to:
COMFORT A. ADAMS LECTURE AWARD	March 1 st (year prior)	The AWS Board of Directors makes an award annually to an outstanding scientist or engineer whose lecture presents some new and distinctive development in the field of welding.	nationalawards@aws.org
PLUMMER MEMORIAL EDUCATION LECTURE AWARD	January 15 th	This award has been established by the American Welding Society to recognize an outstanding individual who has made significant contributions to welding education and training, and to recognize Fred L. Plummer's service to the Society as President from 1952 to 1954 and Executive Director from 1957 to 1969.	educationawards@aws.org



EDUCATIONAL MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARDS

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ADAMS MEMORIAL MEMBERSHIP AWARD	January 1 st	This award, established by the American Welding Society, is given as a means of recognizing educators whose teaching activities are considered to have advanced the knowledge of welding of the undergraduate or postgraduate students in their respective engineering institutions.	nationalawards@aws.org
HOWARD E. ADKINS MEMORIAL INSTRUCTOR MEMBERSHIP AWARD	August 1 st	The Howard E. Adkins Instructor Membership Award is sponsored by Mrs. Wilma Adkins and family, and is given as a means of recognizing high school, trade school, technical institute or community college instructors whose teaching activities are considered to have advanced the knowledge of welding to students in their respective schools.	nationalawards@aws.org
NATIONAL DALTON E. HAMILTON MEMORIAL CWI OF THE YEAR AWARD	January 1 st	This award, administered by the Certification Committee, is given annually by the American Welding Society as a means of recognizing individuals participating in the Senior Certified Welding Inspector (SCWI) and Certified Welding Inspector (CWI) program whose inspection, American Welding Society, professional activity and civic activities are considered to have enhanced public awareness and opinion of both the Society and the CWI program or otherwise have made an outstanding contribution to the science of welding inspection.	bboddiger@aws.org
SAMUEL WYLIE MILLER MEMORIAL MEDAL AWARD	January 1 st	AWS has sponsored the Samuel Wylie Miller Memorial Medal award since 1929, which is awarded annually by the Awards Committee for a particular meritorious achievement, which, in the Committee's judgment, has contributed conspicuously to the advancement of the art of welding and cutting.	nationalawards@aws.org



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PRIVATE SECTOR INSTRUCTOR MEMBERSHIP AWARD	August 1 st	This award was established by the AWS Board of Directors as a means of honoring educators in the welding community teaching in private facilities. These individuals, in the opinion of the AWS Education Committee, have advanced the knowledge of welding to their students through apprenticeship programs, internal corporate training programs, and similar nonpublic educational activities.	nationalawards@aws.org
R.D. THOMAS MEMORIAL AWARD	January 1 st	This award was established to honor a charter member of the American Welding Society and the AWS representative to the first organizational meeting of the International Institute of Welding. It is intended to foster interest in United States participation in the work of the international organization. It is awarded to a member of the American Council of the International Institute of Welding or to an AWS member who, in the opinion of the Awards Committee, has made a substantial contribution to the activities of the International Institute of Welding.	nationalawards@aws.org
ELIHU THOMSON RESISTANCE WELDING AWARD	December 31 st	<p>This award is administered by the American Welding Society and sponsored by the Resistance Welding Manufacturing Alliance (RWMA). It was established in 1985, during RWMA's 50th anniversary, for initial presentation in 1986 to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the invention of resistance welding. Naming of proposed recipients is the responsibility of RWMA.</p> <p>It is presented annually to a living individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the technology and application of resistance welding, as evidenced by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Invention or production of new resistance welding equipment innovations or technology• A unique application of resistance welding in a production environment• A technical paper published in the <i>Welding Journal</i> or any other industry-recognized publication, or• Other contribution the RWMA Governance Committee deems worthy of recognition	abustillo@aws.org



HONORARY—MERITORIOUS AWARDS

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HONORARY MEMBER AWARD	December 31 st	An Honorary Member shall be a person of acknowledged eminence in the welding profession, or who is accredited with exceptional accomplishments in the development of the welding art upon whom the American Welding Society sees fit to confer an honorary distinction.	nationalawards@aws.org
INTERNATIONAL MERITORIOUS AWARD	December 31 st	This award is given in recognition of the candidate's significant contributions to the worldwide welding industry. This award should reflect service to the international welding community in the broadest terms.	nationalawards@aws.org
WILLIAM IRRGANG MEMORIAL AWARD	December 31 st	This award is administered by the American Welding Society and sponsored by the Lincoln Electric Company to honor the late William Irrgang. It is awarded each year to the individual who has done the most to enhance the American Welding Society's goal of advancing the science and technology of welding over the last five years.	nationalawards@aws.org
NATIONAL MERITORIOUS AWARD	December 31 st	This award is given in recognition of the candidate's counsel, loyalty and devotion to the affairs of the Society, assistance in promoting cordial relations with industry and other organizations, and for the contribution of time and effort on behalf of the Society.	nationalawards@aws.org
GEORGE E. WILLIS AWARD	December 31 st	This award is administered by the American Welding Society and sponsored by The Lincoln Electric Company to honor George E. Willis. It is awarded each year to an individual for promoting the advancement of welding internationally, by fostering cooperative participation in areas such as technology transfer, standards rationalization and promotion of industrial goodwill.	nationalawards@aws.org



WELDING JOURNAL AWARDS

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A.F. DAVIS SILVER MEDAL AWARD I, II, III, IV	Welding Journal Articles (year prior)	<p>The A. F. Davis Silver Medal Awards were donated by the late A. F. Davis, formerly Vice President and Secretary of the Lincoln Electric Company. They recognize achievements in design. A silver medal and a suitable certificate will be awarded annually to each author of the papers selected by the AWS Committee on Awards as the best contribution to the progress of welding in the following categories:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Design of Welding Processes, machines and equipment2. Maintenance, Repair and Surfacing3. Design of welded structures and equipment, and4. Designs that improve skills development, education and training	Selection chosen from <i>Welding Journal</i> article submissions
W.H. HOBART MEMORIAL MEDAL AWARD	Welding Journal Articles (year prior)	<p>This award is sponsored by The Hobart Brothers Company to honor William H. Hobart, Sr., and is awarded annually to each author of the paper published during the previous calendar year in the <i>Welding Journal</i> and selected by the National Awards Committee as the best contribution to the progress of welding on the subject of pipe welding, welded pipe or similar applications, including the structural use of pipe and manufacturing of pipe involving welding.</p>	Selection chosen from <i>Welding Journal</i> article submissions
CHARLES H. JENNINGS MEMORIAL AWARD	Welding Journal Articles (year prior)	<p>This award is sponsored by friends and family of Charles H. Jennings, who served as AWS President during the 1951-52 year. The award will be given to the author or authors of an article, published during the previous calendar year in the <i>Welding Journal</i>, which describes work conducted primarily by students and faculty at a college or university and is considered to be the source of a most valuable contribution to welding literature.</p>	Selection chosen from <i>Welding Journal</i> article submissions



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JAMES F. LINCOLN GOLD AWARD	Welding Journal Articles (year prior)	The James F. Lincoln Gold Medal Award was donated by the late James F. Lincoln, formerly Chairman of the Board, The Lincoln Electric Company. The certificate and medallion are awarded each year for the best paper that in the judgment of the Awards Committee, is the greatest original contribution to the advancement and use of welding published in the <i>Welding Journal</i> during the previous calendar year. In the event the paper has selected more than one author, each individual will receive a certificate and gold medal.	Selection chosen from <i>Welding Journal</i> article submissions
ROBERT L. PEASLEE MEMORIAL BRAZING AND SOLDERING AWARD	Welding Journal Articles (year prior)	The Board of Directors of the American Welding Society established this award, sponsored by the Wall Colmonoy Corporation, to honor Robert L. Peaslee for his many years of dedicated service to the industry and to AWS. This award will be given for a paper judged to be the best original contribution to the science or technology of brazing or soldering published in the <i>Welding Journal</i> during the previous calendar year.	Selection chosen from <i>Welding Journal</i> article submissions
McKAY-HELM AWARD	Welding Journal Articles (year prior)	The Board of Directors of the American Welding Society originally established the McKay-Helm Award sponsored by McKay Welding Products, a division of Hobart Brothers Company, to honor two pioneers of the Teledyne-McKay Company. James C. McKay was the President of the company for more than 30 years, and Dr. David F. Helm occupied the McKay chair in welding metallurgy at the Mellon Institute in Pittsburgh from 1934 to 1973. Currently, the award is sponsored by Hobart Brothers an ITW Company. It is awarded for the best contribution to the advancement of knowledge relative to the welding of low alloy steels, stainless steels, or the application of surfacing weld metals as represented in articles published in the <i>Welding Journal</i> during the previous calendar year (by an author or authors not employed by filler metal producers or their parent companies).	Selection chosen from <i>Welding Journal</i> article submissions



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WARREN F. SAVAGE MEMORIAL AWARD	Welding Journal Articles (year prior)	The Warren F. Savage Memorial Award is administered by AWS and sponsored and endowed by friends and former students of Warren F. "Doc" Savage to recognize his lifetime accomplishments and dedication in the field of welding metallurgy. The award, to be presented annually, will recognize original and innovative research resulting in a better understanding of the metallurgical principles related to welding. It will be presented for the best paper on this topic published during the previous calendar year in the Research Supplement of the <i>Welding Journal</i> .	Selection chosen from <i>Welding Journal</i> article submissions
WILLIAM SPRARAGEN MEMORIAL AWARD	Welding Journal Articles (year prior)	The William Spraragen Award for the best research paper printed in the Research Supplement of the <i>Welding Journal</i> during the twelve-month period ending with the December issue. This award was established in 1961 as a means of honoring Mr. William Spraragen for his great contributions to the art and science of welding.	Selection chosen from <i>Welding Journal</i> article submissions
DAMIAN KOTECKI AWARD	Welding Journal Articles (year prior)	The Board of Directors of the American Welding Society has established this award in honor of Dr. Damian J. Kotecki (1942-2023), a distinguished innovator in the field of welding science and engineering, with a career spanning more than four decades. It is awarded for the best WJRS Letters paper published in the <i>Welding Journal</i> Research Supplement during the previous calendar year.	Selection chosen from <i>Welding Journal</i> article submissions
THOMAS W. EAGAR AWARD	Welding Journal Articles (year prior)	The Board of Directors of the American Welding Society has established this award in honor of Prof. Thomas Eagar (1950-2022), a distinguished innovator in the field of welding science and engineering with a career spanning more than four decades. It is awarded for the best Review Paper published in the <i>Welding Journal</i> Research Supplement during the previous calendar year.	Selection chosen from <i>Welding Journal</i> article submissions



AWARDS RECOGNIZING OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS

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KENNETH L. BROWN MEMORIAL SAFETY & HEALTH AWARD	December 31 st	This award, sponsored by AWS and selected by the Safety and Health Committee, is presented annually to an individual who best encourages the advancement of welding safety and health through conducting research, education activities, development of safe practices, or the dissemination of knowledge through publications or other means; thereby, fostering public awareness, welfare and education.	jmolin@aws.org
ROBERT J. CONKLING AWARD	July - from SkillsUSA	This is a restricted award recognizing schools that produce the national winners of the SkillsUSA welding competition.	Selection made at SkillsUSA
EXTRAORDINARY WELDING AWARD	February 1 st	<p>Historical Welded Structure Award nominations may be submitted by any AWS member for consideration by the Past Presidents Committee. Nominations for historical recognition remain valid for two years and the structures must be at least 35 years old. Designation as an AWS Historical Welded Structure does in no way constitute that a structure cannot be altered, removed or destroyed.</p> <p>Outstanding Development in Welded Fabrication Award nominations may be submitted by any AWS member for consideration by the Past Presidents Committee. Nominations for outstanding development in welded fabrication remain valid for one year. The technological advances made in the structure is the focal point for recognition, rather than the individuals who constructed the structure. Designation as an AWS Outstanding Development in Welded Fabrication Structure does in no way constitute that a structure cannot be altered, removed or destroyed.</p>	nationalawards@aws.org



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POSTER SESSION AWARD	Prior year's FABTECH	These awards recognize individuals who create posters that communicate technical accomplishments in a visual format. There are separate recognitions for student and commercial posters. Specifics on how to submit a poster are listed in the Welding Journal magazine at least 12 months prior to FABTECH.	aws.org/Community-and-Events/Conferences-and-Events/Posters-Competition/
PROFESSOR KOICHI MASUBUCHI AWARD	December 31 st	This award is sponsored by the Center for Ocean Engineering at the Department of Mechanical Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The award will be given to one individual who has made significant contributions in the advancement of the science and technology of materials joining through research and development. The individual is to be 40 years old or younger and may live in any part of the world. The recipient need not be a member of AWS.	zhang.3978@osu.edu
ROBOTIC AND AUTOMATIC ARC WELDING AWARD	December 31 st	This award, sponsored by AWS and selected by the D16 Committee on Robotic and Automatic Welding, is to recognize significant individual achievements in the area of robotic arc welding. This work can include things such as the introduction of new technologies, establishment of the proper infrastructure (training, service, etc.) to enable success, and any other activity having significantly improved the state of a company and/or industry. It is awarded every other calendar year and nominations should be sent to the AWS staff secretary of the D16 Committee by December 31 st prior to the year the award is presented.	acelaya@aws.org



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DISTINGUISHED WELDER AWARD	January 1 st	This award will recognize an individual whose welding skills and experience would earn her or him the recognition of being an AWS Distinguished Welder and up to 10 individuals may be recognized in any given year. 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.	nationalawards@aws.org



PRESTIGIOUS SOCIETY AWARDS

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AWS COUNSELOR AWARD	June 1 st	<p>The American Welding Society, in 1999, established the honor of Counselor of the Society to recognize members for a career of distinguished organizational leadership that has enhanced the image and impact of the welding industry. Election as a Counselor of the Society is demonstrated as evidenced by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leadership of or within an organization that has made a substantial contribution to the welding industry. The individual's organization shall have shown an ongoing commitment to the industry, as evidenced by support of participation of its employees in industry activities• Leadership of or within an organization that has made a substantial contribution to training and vocational education in the welding industry. The individual's organization shall have shown an ongoing commitment to the industry, as evidenced by support of participation of its employees in industry activities	aws.org/About/Awards/Counselor-And-Fellow/
AWS FELLOW AWARD	July 1 st	<p>The American Welding Society, in 1990, established the honor of Fellow of the Society to recognize members for distinguished contributions to the field of welding science and technology, and for promoting and sustaining the professional stature of the field. Election as a Fellow of the Society is based on the reputation and outstanding accomplishment of the individual. Such accomplishments will have advanced the science, technology and application of welding in specific areas such as research and development, education, manufacturing, design, and other areas the Society may determine, as evidenced by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sustained service and performance in the advancement of welding science and technology• Publication of papers, articles, and books, which enhance knowledge of welding• Innovative development of welding technology• Society and Section contributions• Professional recognition	nationalawards@aws.org



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CWI LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD	July 1 st	<p>In 2018, the American Welding Society established the AWS Certified Welding Inspector Lifetime Achievement Award 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.</p> <p>Election as a CWI Lifetime Achievement Award recipient is demonstrated as evidenced by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advancements in the field of welding inspection• Mentorship of individuals entering the field of welding inspection• Effective application of existing and new inspection technology• Evidence of participation in activities directly related to the recruitment, training, education and/or mentorship of individuals entering the field of welding inspection	nationalawards@aws.org