

**Society of Women Engineers**  
**Members at Large**  
**Awards and Recognition Program**

The Society of Women Engineers (SWE) Members at Large (MAL) organization strives to recognize members at various stages of their careers, for their involvement with developing future generations of engineers, or for their contributions to the MAL organization.

Nomination packages are not needed for MAL awards. All eligible MALs in good standing for the fiscal year in which they are nominated will be considered for:

- **Newsletter Contributor Recognition** – drawing to select winning author (MAL collegiate or professional) from among all articles (other than the MAL president’s column) written by MALs and published in the MAL newsletter during the fiscal year.
- **Best Newsletter Article Award** – panel of MAL judges led by the MAL director of communications or her designee will select the best article written by a MAL (collegiate or professional) and published in the MAL newsletter during the fiscal year. Criteria used in judging this award are relevance to MALs, readability and a good topic for the general reader.
- **Outreach Award** – for MALs (collegiate or professional) who have made outstanding contributions toward informing girls, their parents, educators, counselors, and/or the general public of opportunities available in engineering during the fiscal year and have logged their events into the Society’s [Outreach Metric Tool](#). The award may be presented to one MAL annually and the MAL member must have participated in at least one outreach activity during the fiscal year. The MAL director of outreach (or outreach coordinator) will consider the following in selection of the award recipient:
  - alignment of activities/events with the Society’s mission
  - variety and complexity of member’s involvement in the activities/events
  - impact of activities/events in the community
  - impact of activities/events on audience/attendees
- **Outstanding MAL Leader Award** – selected by the MAL president.
- **Other Recognition** – in addition to the aforementioned awards, the MAL president has the discretion to recognize individuals in other categories.

Award recipients will be honored at the MAL meeting held during the SWE annual conference. Each award includes a certificate and monetary award, either in the form of a check to the recipient or contribution on the recipient’s behalf to a nonprofit organization designated by the recipient.