



2021 OUTSTANDING SECTION / BRANCH AWARD NOMINATION FORM

INSTRUCTIONS

- An event/activity may only be used once and cannot be repeated throughout the application. Please select the most appropriate category. There are potential negative points for an event/activity that is repeated.
- Sections should NOT include activities completed by their Branches and Branches should NOT include activities completed by their Section.
- Applications are limited to 12 pages plus a copy of one newsletter.
- Point totals are listed under each category for a maximum of 115 points.
- Only list activities from October 1 – September 30 which can be either virtual or in-person.
- Please e-mail an electronic PDF file to Nancy Berson at ASCE: nberson@asce.org by **October 30, 2021**.

BASIC INFORMATION

Award Classification (check one):	☐ Very Large Section/Branch (> 2500 members) ☐ Large Section/Branch (1001-2500 members) ☐ Medium Section/Branch (501-1000 members) ☒ Small Section/Branch (< 500 members)
Section/Branch Nominee:	Tennessee Section, West Tennessee Branch
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October 30, 2021

Dear Nomination Committee,

I am extremely pleased and honored to nominate the West Tennessee Branch of the Tennessee Section of ASCE for the 2021 Outstanding Branch Award. The past two years have been unprecedented for everyone and it has been difficult adjusting to a virtual world and/or safely staying together while remaining safe. As I hope our nomination shows, the West Tennessee Branch has taken these trials and tribulations in stride.

Our branch has continued to conduct its regularly scheduled meetings virtually while maintaining our average attendance for our in-person meetings. Our younger member group has also stayed active with its meeting as well as managing to stay active in our community: speaking to schools, producing virtual social events, and keeping its digital presence active throughout the pandemic. The Branch was able to slowly resume socially-distanced in-person meetings as well, including its first ever technical tour.

Finally, we have had a few of our members represent the Branch outside of our local area via presentations made and by winning an award for outstanding engineering project.

It has been difficult but I hope that you find the West Tennessee Branch has tried to remain active throughout these troubling times and considers us for the 2021 Outstanding Branch Award.

Most Sincerely,



Evan B. Boulanger, P.E., M.ASCE

President – West Tennessee Branch, Tennessee Section President-Elect

NOMINATION QUESTIONS/SCORING

115 points maximum

A. COMMUNICATION WITH MEMBERS (15 Points Maximum)

- **Newsletter** (1 point per issue, 5 points maximum):
Please include one electronic newsletter with the Award nomination package or include a link to an active website. Points will be given for the number of newsletters published on the website.

Number of Newsletters Published Annually:	1
Newsletter URL:	See Attachment

- **Website** (5 points maximum):
Verify that all links are active prior to submission.

Website URL:	Branches.asce.org/west-tennessee
Discuss the content included on your website:	On our home page, we have links to each of our student chapters as well as a link for our younger member group page. We also have a link to our events calendar, which shows every event that we host throughout the year. We have a link to our contacts page, which shows the contact information for our branch officers. We also have a page explaining the branch's history. Finally, we have a page for our awards that we have either won (through the section) or have given out (through our annual branch awards)

- **Social Media Tools** (5 points maximum):
Verify that all links are active prior to submission.

Discuss Social Media platforms used to communicate to your Section/Branch.	The West TN branch utilizes several social media platforms, including Facebook, Instagram, Twitter. Our YMG also utilizes the same platforms as well.
Social Media URL:	Facebook, Instagram and Twitter Handles: WestTennASCE Instagram and Twitter Handles for YMG: asceWtnYmf LinkedIn address for YMG: https://www.linkedin.com/groups/13703118/

B. PROFESSIONAL / LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES, AWARDS / RECOGNITION, SCHOLARSHIPS AND MENTORING (20 Points Maximum)

- **Professional / Leadership (Non-Technical) Activities** (5 points maximum):

Professional / Leadership (Non-Technical) Committee Meetings (1 point each, 2 points max)

Professional Committee:	Number of Meetings:	Presentation Topic(s):
(ie. YMF, History & Heritage, International Group)		

Professional / Leadership (Non-Technical) Seminars (1 point each, 3 points max)

Date:	Approx. Attendees:	Presentation Topics / Describe Seminar:
2/19/2021	101	Ethics seminar ("Engineering a New Code of Ethics") with Dr. Dennis Truax, ASCE President-Elect

- Awards/Recognition (1 point each, 5 points maximum):

Awards Given by the Section/Branch

Name of Award:	Recipient:	Describe:
• Young Engineer of the Year • Government Engineer Award • Outstanding Engineering Educator • Distinguished Service Award • Outstanding Engineering Project	• David Oppong, EI • Nathan Luce, PE • Ray Witmer, PhD • Roger Meier, PhD • Hampline Bike/Ped Corridor, City of Memphis	All of these awards are given by the branch, following the same criteria as the section branch awards. Award winners for our branch are eligible to be nominated for our section's award.

Society Awards Received by the Section / Branch or its members

Name of Award:	Recipient:	Describe:
TN Outstanding Engineering Project	Hampline Bike/Ped Corridor, City of Memphis	This award was received by the branch for the Section's Outstanding Engineering Project Award. The award was given in September 2021

- Scholarships (5 points maximum):

Scholarships to High School Students (1 point each)

Name of Scholarship:	Amount of Scholarship:		Describe:
Nicole Craven Memorial Scholarship	\$3685 total (2 people received)		This scholarship was in memorial of Nicole Craven, PE, who was a long time ASCE member and past president of the branch who passed away in 2020. The scholarships were awarded to her two children, who were in high school at the time.

Scholarships to College Students (1 point each)

Name of Scholarship:	Amount of Scholarship:	Describe:
ASCE Golf Tournament Proceeds	\$2500 total between 2 schools	Our annual golf tournament raised funds for our 3 student chapters. Each school was invited to submit an application to the branch board for supplies that could be needed each year. Two of our schools applied for these funds. Christian Brothers University in Memphis received funding for surveying equipment, and The University of Tennessee at Martin received funding for steel plates, used to help test their steel bridge.

- Mentoring Activities of ASCE Members (5 points maximum):

Date:	Approx. Attendees:	Describe:

C. TECHNICAL COMMITTEES AND ACTIVITIES (15 Points Maximum)

Section/Branch Technical Committees or Institutes (minimum of 2 technical or virtual meetings per year; 1 point each, 5 points max)

Technical Committee:	Number of Meetings:	Presentation Topic(s):
EWRI Government Relations Jackson, TN Eng Com Mtg	1 1 1	"Beltline Green Infrastructure Project" "ASCE Government Relations and Key Contacts" "Addressing Water Quality Improvements in the Distribution System"

Section/Branch Technical Seminars / Courses with PDHs (1 point each, 5 points max)

Date:	Approx. Attendees:	Describe:
10/22/20	14	"Biking Infrastructure in the Netherlands"
1/21/21	21	"Methodist University Shorb Tower Structural Design"
5/20/21	33	"Efforts to Improve Conditions for Walking and Biking in Memphis"
9/29/21	79	"Hernando Desoto Bridge Repair"

Other Technical / Educational Activities and Benefits for Section / Branch Members (1 point each, 5 points max)

Describe other technical / educational activities and benefits for Section / Branch members:	<i>On July 20, 2021, we held a site tour in Millington, TN. It covered the Pilot Tube Method of Guided Boring for Trenchless Installation. The tour was attended by 12 members.</i>
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D. MEMBERSHIP (10 Points Maximum)

Describe efforts to transition Student Members to Associate Members (2 points):	Our student practitioners went to our 3 student chapters to speak to the students about the benefits of joining ASCE, as well as encouraging them to participate in YMG activities.
Describe Member recruitment programs (2 points):	We have a specific position within our board for member outreach, as well as peer-to-peer outreach from current members.
Describe Member retention programs (2 points):	On each of our email blasts, we have a banner that has a link to "renew their ASCE membership".
Describe any recognition programs for employers supporting ASCE (2 points):	We offer sponsorships for firms who wish to support our annual Construction event, which is an event that offers West TN schools to exercise their creative and problem-solving skills by using CADD software to develop can structures. Proceeds from this event go to the Mid-South Food Bank.
Describe other Membership Activities / Events (2 points):	

E. PUBLIC OUTREACH ACTIVITIES (10 Points Maximum)

Describe outreach activities with elementary, middle, or high schools (1 point each, 5 points max):	- Girls Experiencing Engineering is a one week immersive STEM camp that helps develop girls' technical and social skills in the STEM fields. This event was for elementary, middle, and high school students. - On July 2, one of our members spoke at the STEM discover camp (consisting of 7th graders) about land development - One of our members helped with the SUN (Southern United Nations) Camp for Middle School children. The students studied the human cell functions and built the cell in TinkerCAD. They did DNA testing and looked at the human cells under a microscope. We learned how to code using Blockly by coding Cubelets
Describe outreach activities via media outlets (1 point each, 3 points max):	The branch competed in the "Better Together Apart" video contest. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bt9j3p6WAv0
Describe other public outreach or educational activities (1 point each, 2 points max):	

F. COLLEGE OUTREACH ACTIVITIES (10 Points Maximum) – CHOOSE 1 or 2

1. Section/Branch has an ASCE College Student Chapter(s)

Describe Student Interaction Activities between ASCE Student Chapters and the Section/Branch (1 point each, 5 points max):	- The YMG hosted a virtual Engineering Jeopardy event with all 3 student chapters on February 25 (during Engineer's week). Fourteen (14) people attended. - On October 29, 2020, the CBU chapter invited our practitioners to their virtual meeting and played "Among Us."
Note current Section/Branch Practitioner Advisors (5 points):	Evan Boulanger, PE: Christian Brothers University Katie Bowman, PE: University of Memphis & Christian Brothers University Tom Lawrence, PE: University of Tennessee At Martin Matt Dorsey, PE: Arkansas State University

2. Section/Branch does not have any ASCE College Student Chapter(s)

Describe outreach activities with college students other than those involved with ASCE (5 points each, 10 points max):	<i>(examples: hosting an event for community college students or undeclared engineering majors at a university)</i>
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G. COMMUNITY SERVICE, PUBLIC SERVICE, HISTORY & HERITAGE, SUSTAINABILITY, AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS (10 Points Maximum)

NOTE: ASCE also awards a History and Heritage Award. If you have such activities and want to be considered for that award, describe those activities here and submit a copy of this application directly to Jennifer Lawrence at jlawrence@asce.org.

Describe public service projects (2 points):	<i>(examples: Habitat for Humanity, Engineers Without Borders)</i>
Describe History and Heritage	<i>The branch has a local version of the History and Heritage</i>

Activities (2 points):	<i>Award</i>
Describe Government Relations activities (2 points):	<i>We have a position on our board who chairs this committee locally. We also had some members attend the annual Legislative Fly-In</i>
Describe Sustainability Seminars held by the Section/Branch promoting the advancement of the principles of sustainable development (2 points):	<i>We held one of our monthly meetings regarding the topic of "Expanding the Science of Aquifer Sustainability", presented by Sarah Houston with CAESER</i>
Describe Community Service events (1 point each, 2 points max):	<i>One of our members participated in the Salvation Army Angel Tree. This is a needs based program meant to serve the neediest families with small children during the Christmas season. Families who struggle month to month, have recently lost work or who are undergoing an emergency need of some kind can get help through our program.</i>

H. DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION (15 Points Maximum)

ASCE supports and encourages the equitable opportunity for all people to participate within the civil engineering profession regardless of identity. ASCE's Committee on "Members of Society Advancing an Inclusive Culture" reviews this section to select Outstanding Section/Branches for their efforts in developing and implementing programs that promote an equitable and inclusive climate in the profession.

Describe Section/Branch Diversity Seminars / Programs (1 point each, 5 points max):	<i>One of our West TN members made a presentation to the Knoxville branch entitled, "Diversity, Inclusion within Departments of Transportation."</i>
Describe Section/Branch Diversity Committees and Diversity in Section/Branch Leadership Positions (5 points):	<i>Our board consists of members from various races and both genders. The president of our branch from 2020-2021 was African American and our Secretary was female. Both of these members participated in events regarding diversity, equity and inclusion in engineering</i>
Describe participation in local community diversity programs (5 points):	<i>Our membership partners with the West TN STEM Hub, which supports K-12 STEM outreach to West TN schools, including some in at-risk areas.</i>

I. ADDITIONAL SECTION / BRANCH ACTIVITIES (10 Points Maximum)

Describe any other non-standard activities that are not covered under other sections of the nomination form that your Section or Branch has undertaken to promote or advance the Civil Engineering profession to either your members or the public. Note that Sections applying for the award should not include their Branch activities and vice versa for Branches. These can include other Community Service projects, hosting of Regional meetings, fundraising, mentoring, and other best practices. Describe the activity and give dates, locations and number in attendance. Also describe any activities relative to the creation of a Section / Branch strategic plan and/or efforts to support the Society's Strategic Initiatives (ie. sustainability efforts). These activities may also be eligible for the Leader Training Committee Best Practices Manual. A maximum of two (2) points will be given for each of up to five (5) non-standard activities.

Type of Activity/Event/Initiative:	Date (if applicable):	Describe:
"Women Build 901 Too"	Year round	Members helped put a video together highlighting women in construction by touring the new FedEx superhub buildings in Memphis, TN
ASCE Virtual Round Table	2/25/21	One of our members made a presentation to ASCE National about Engaging Future Engineers in New Ways.



February 2021 NEWS & UPDATES



Hello! From our ASCE West TN YMF! We hope you are doing well and staying healthy! We have been holding virtual monthly meetings with our branch and attending our nation wide meetings because of the access through the virtual world. We are excited to virtually celebrate 2021 Engineers Week. Please see the events below we are offering.

ENGINEERS WEEK 2021

Our ASCE West TN Branch will be hosting a virtual meeting on Friday, February 19, from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm for 2021 Engineers Week. 2021 National ASCE President-Elect Dr. Dennis D. Truax will be giving an ethics presentation titled, "Engineering a New Code of Ethics".

Register here:

[ASCE West TN February 2021 Meeting](#)



Our ASCE West TN YMF will be hosting a virtual Jeopardy game on Thursday, February 25, from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm to celebrate 2021 Engineers Week. Our very own Evan Boulanger will be hosting a ASCE West TN version of Jeopardy.



Register here:
[ASCE WTN YMF Jeopardy](#)

The Leader Training Committee (LTC) hosts several webinars throughout the year for ASCE Section, Branch, Region and Institute leaders. One of the opportunities LTC would like to promote and elaborate on is how to become involved in an ASCE committee. This is an opportunity to share your expertise, support ASCE and join your peers. Committees are a great way to contribute to the Society beyond your Section, Branch, Younger Member Group, or Institute Chapter. Many civil engineers share technical and professional knowledge by serving on ASCE committees that support the Society's vision and mission to advance civil engineering practice.

This webinar is scheduled for **February 18 from 2:00-2:30pm EST**. Please consider participating in this 30-minute webinar as LTC members walk you through the application process and also feel free to share this invite with other members who may be interested in the process.

The online committee application process is underway now through March 15th at https://www.asce.org/asce_committees/.

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