

THE TAPPI GUNNAR NICHOLSON GOLD MEDAL AWARD

The official name is the "TAPPI Gunnar Nicholson Gold Medal Award." The recipient receives a cash honorarium, a gold medallion, a lapel pin, and a suitable plaque bearing the individual's name, and an honorary life membership in the Association. The Gunnar Nicholson Gold Medal Award recipient, if not already a TAPPI Fellow, is also designated automatically as a TAPPI Fellow. The cash award is a sum equal to 5% of the fair market value of the TAPPI Gunnar Nicholson Gold Medal Award Fund, as determined on December 31 of the year prior to the presentation.

Purpose

The Gunnar Nicholson Gold Medal Award is given to an individual or individuals who have made preeminent scientific and engineering achievements of proven commercial benefit to the world's pulp, paper, board, and forest products industries and the other industries that TAPPI serves. The forest product industries include forestry, derived products, their process technology, and their applications.

History

The first Gunnar Nicholson Gold Medal Award was presented to Dr. Lennart Stockman at the 1985 TAPPI Annual Meeting. It replaced the TAPPI Gold Medal, which had been awarded from 1928 to 1984.

Frequency

The Gunnar Nicholson Gold Medal Award is customarily awarded annually. The Board of Directors may determine that no award should be made in a given year or that more than one individual should share the award, when individuals together have contributed to the achievements being recognized.

Nominee's Qualifications

The scientific or engineering contributions of the Gunnar Nicholson Gold Medal Award nominee must be of proven commercial significance. Since the Gunnar Nicholson Gold Medal Award is the Association's highest technical honor, the nominee's contributions must be clearly exceptional.

Nominating Procedures

Past recipients of the TAPPI Gold Medal are ineligible to receive the Gunnar Nicholson Gold Medal Award, and self-nominations are not permitted. Candidates need not be still active in their professional careers. No current members of the Board Nominating/Honors Committee or of the TAPPI Board of Directors are eligible for nomination.

Nominations shall be completed on the Gunnar Nicholson Gold Medal Award nomination form, which is included in this Honors Manual. The form requests information on the nominee's scientific and engineering achievements, how these were accomplished, and how they had benefited the industry. If additional forms are needed, these may be obtained from TAPPI headquarters.

Multiple nominations of any candidate by several groups or individuals should be strongly discouraged, since only one sponsor per candidate is needed to assure the nomination's full and careful consideration.

It is not necessary to renominate a candidate each year, since the Board Nominating/Honors Committee carries forward the names of those nominees not selected. After five years, however, the nomination must be reactivated and brought up to date, or it will be dropped.

Since the award is designed to recognize individual achievements, the sharing of an award among several people will be authorized only in exceptional cases.

Any current members of the Board Nominating/Honors Committee or of the TAPPI Board of Directors cannot make nominations, since they are responsible for evaluating the nominations

Deadline

The Board Nominating/Honors Committee must receive the completed nomination forms no later than **August 1** of the year in which they are to be considered. Nominations received after August 1 will not be considered until the following year. Nomination forms should be forwarded to the following:

TAPPI
C/O Board Nominating/Honors Committee
15 Technology Parkway South
Atlanta, Georgia 30092 USA

Selection

The Board Nominating/Honors Committee will consider all valid nominations and submit its recommendation on the preferred nominee to the TAPPI Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will then review this recommendation. The Board of Directors shall consider only the candidate proposed by the Board Nominating/Honors Committee.

The Association's Board of Directors may, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at a regular or special meeting, grant the Gunnar Nicholson Gold Medal Award to the candidate recommended by the Board Nominating/Honors Committee.

Announcement

The person designated as the Gunnar Nicholson Gold Medal Awardee will be notified as soon as possible after the Board's decision, and public announcement will then be made shortly thereafter.

Presentation

The Gunnar Nicholson Gold Medal Award will be presented at the Association's Annual Meeting. At the presentation ceremony the recipient will speak on an appropriate subject of his or her choosing and will also be responsible for selecting the individual to make the presentation of the Award.

If the recipient is unable, for reasons of health or other extenuating circumstances, to attend the presentation ceremony, he or she may designate a surrogate to accept the Gunnar Nicholson Gold Medal Award on his or her behalf.