

2025-2026 FWEA YP of the Year Award



Rules

1. Any active member of FWEA may nominate a YP for this award. **You may not nominate yourself.**
2. The YP must meet the guidelines of what constitutes a YP:
 - a. No more than 10 years' work experience.
 - b. Less than 35 years old.
 - c. Full-time students are not eligible for this award.
 - d. If an individual is working full-time while getting a degree, they are eligible.

**Note members of the S&YP Committee are eligible to be nominated but will be exempt from voting on the winner.*

3. Deadline: Nomination forms must be received by **Friday, January 31, 2026, at 5:00 pm EST** in order to be considered. Forms shall be submitted to the S&YP Chair:

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4. Space to complete the form's questions is limited to two (2) pages. Two (2) additional pages may be submitted as supplemental information (e.g. flyer or photograph(s) from an event the YP planned, a letter of recommendation, journal article, community service thank you letter, etc.). The total packet of maximum four (4) pages must be PDF'd and emailed to the S&YP Chair by the deadline in order to be considered. This page of "Rules" and "Award Information" need not be included in the nomination packet.

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Award Information

1. The winner will be presented their award at the Florida Water Resources Conference Awards Luncheon in April 2026.
2. The winner will be expected to attend the WEF/AWWA YP Summit in early 2027. The award includes travel expenses to attend the YP Summit conference. More information on the YP Summit can be found [here](#). Information about the 2027 YP Summit will be available in the Fall of 2026.
3. The winner may also be recognized in the Florida Water Resources Journal, FWEA S&YP Website, and other publications/websites. A headshot of the YP winner will be requested.
4. Winner and Non-Winners will be notified by March 16, 2026.

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Nomination Form

Nominee Name:

Organization:

Email:

Phone:

Number of Years FWEA Member:

Active Membership Status?

Years of Work Experience:

Age:

Currently a student?: If so, please explain.

Please note that the nominee's past involvement throughout their entire service with FWEA will be considered, however, **more weight will be placed on their involvement within the past 12 months and their potential to be a future FWEA leader.**

Current FWEA Committees/ Chapter:

Past FWEA Committees/ Chapter(s) (include dates):

Leadership in and Organization of Past FWEA Events (include dates):

Summarize Involvement with YP Committee:

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Other Professional Involvement:

Why do you feel that this nominee should be the FWEA Young Professional of the Year?

Do you feel that this nominee has the potential to serve FWEA throughout their career? Explain.

Does this nominee have any noteworthy contributions to FWEA?

Nomination Form Submitted By:

Do you have active membership status of FWEA?

Email:

Phone: