



ASSOCIATION HONORS AND AWARDS MANUAL



Updated July 2022

TAPPI ASSOCIATION LEVEL HONORS

Association Honors require completion of online nomination. Nomination and supporting documentation can be made online at <https://tappiawards.smapply.io/>. The TAPPI Nominating Committee will review all completed nominations.

Gunnar Nicholson Gold Medal Award

Approved by: TAPPI Nominating Committee and endorsed by Board of Directors

Nominated by: Individuals; completion of nomination form required. Current members of the TAPPI Nominating Committee or the TAPPI Board may not sponsor a nomination.

Exclusions: Current Directors and TAPPI Board Officers, members of the TAPPI Nominating Committee, [past recipients](#)

Nomination deadline: August 1 of year prior to award (nominations held on file for five award years)

Type of Award: Cash prize (amount varies each year based on endowment funds), plaque (gold metal plate mounted on wood with gold inscription), gold medallion, gold lapel pin, Lifetime TAPPI Membership, free registration to TAPPI events, complimentary tickets to award event where recipient is being honored

Where presented: At an appropriate annual TAPPI conference.

The Gunnar Nicholson Gold Medal Award, the Association's highest technical honor, may be presented annually to recognize an individual or individuals for preeminent scientific and engineering achievements of proven applied benefit to the world's pulp, paper, board, and forest products industries and the other industries that TAPPI serves.

Nominee's Qualifications

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

Click [here](#) for online nomination.

Herman L. Joachim Distinguished Service Award

Approved by: TAPPI Nominating Committee and endorsed by Board of Directors

Nominated by: Individuals; completion of nomination form required, Current members of the TAPPI Nominating Committee or the TAPPI Board may not sponsor a nomination.

Exclusions: Current Directors and TAPPI Board Officers, members of the TAPPI Nominating Committee, [past recipients](#)

Nomination deadline: August 1 of year prior to award (nominations held on file for five award years)

Type of Award: Cash prize (amount varies each year based on endowment funds), plaque (silver metal plate mounted on wood with silver inscription), gold lapel pin, Lifetime TAPPI Membership, free registration to TAPPI events, complimentary tickets to award event where recipient is being honored

Where presented: At an appropriate annual TAPPI conference.

The TAPPI Herman L. Joachim Distinguished Service Award, the Association's highest award for service, may be presented annually to recognize leadership and service which have significantly and demonstrably contributed to the advancement of the Association.

Nominee's Qualifications

The nominee must be an individual whose leadership and service have significantly and demonstrably contributed to the advancement of the Association. Such service may have been rendered through direct participation in Association activities or by action independent of any affiliation with the Association or the Association's programs. The contribution of this individual may be a single act or an accrue of longtime efforts.

Click [here](#) for online nomination.

TAPPI Fellow

Approved by: TAPPI Nominating Committee and endorsed by Board of Directors

Nominated by: Individuals; completion of nomination form required

Exclusions: Current Directors and TAPPI Board Officers, [past recipients](#)

Nomination deadline: August 1 of year prior to award (nominations held on file for five award years)

Type of Award: Plaque (charcoal green metal plate mounted on wood with gold inscription), gold lapel pin, complimentary tickets to award event where recipient is being honored

Where presented: Fellows luncheon at an appropriate annual TAPPI conference.

TAPPI Fellows are individuals who have been members of TAPPI for at least 10 years prior to the nomination, and who have contributed meritorious service to the Association and/or the paper and related industries.

Nominee's Qualifications

TAPPI Fellows may be automatically designated as in the case of the Gunnar Nicholson Gold Medal Award recipients, TAPPI Herman L. Joachim Distinguished Service Awardees, and outgoing TAPPI Directors, or they may be elected by the Board upon recommendation by the TAPPI Nominating Committee. The ten years of TAPPI membership may have been in any membership class or combination of classes: member, associate, affiliate, retired, local section, student, or sustaining member representative.

Click [here](#) for online nomination.

Paul W. Magnabosco Outstanding Local Section Member Award

Approved by: TAPPI Nominating Committee and endorsed by Board of Directors

Nominated by: Local Section Award Committees (individuals may present nominations to appropriate Local Section for consideration and endorsement by the Local Section); completion of nomination form required

Exclusions: Current Section Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and members of the Section Awards Committee, Current Directors and TAPPI Board Officers, members of the TAPPI Nominating Committee, [past recipients](#)

Nomination deadline: August 1 of year prior to award (nominations held on file for five award years)

Type of Award: Cash prize of \$2,500, plaque, gold lapel pin, complimentary tickets to award event where recipient is being honored

Where presented: At an appropriate annual TAPPI conference or at an appropriate Local Section meeting

The Paul W. Magnabosco Outstanding Local Section Member Award may be presented annually to recognize an individual for outstanding leadership and exceptional service to one or more Local Sections, which have resulted in significant and demonstrable benefits to the Local Section members.

Nominee's Qualifications

The nominee must be an individual whose outstanding leadership and exceptional service in Local Section activities have resulted in significant and measurable benefits to Section members. The contributions may be through a single activity or

through an accrue ment of longtime efforts. The nominee's contribution should be apparent in specific improvements made in the activities of the Local Sections.

Click [here](#) for online nomination.

TAPPI/PIMA Executive of the Year Award

Approved by: TAPPI Nominating Committee and endorsed by Board of Directors

Nominated by: Individuals; completion of nomination form required

Exclusions: Current Directors and TAPPI Board Officers, members of the TAPPI Nominating Committee

Nomination deadline: August 1 of year prior to award (nominations held on file for five award years)

Type of Award: Eagle statue, complimentary tickets to award event where recipient is being honored

Where presented: At an appropriate annual TAPPI conference

The Executive of the Year Award is presented to senior-level executives in the pulp, paper, or converting industries for excellence in management and outstanding contributions to the industry as a whole.

Click [here](#) for online nomination.

The Young Professional of the Year Award

Approved by: TAPPI Nominating Committee and endorsed by Board of Directors

Nominated by: Individuals; completion of nomination form required

Exclusions: Current Directors and TAPPI Board Officers, members of the TAPPI Nominating Committee, past recipients

Nomination deadline: August 1 of year prior to award (nominations held on file for five award years)

Type of Award: Obelisk, lapel pin, one conference registration for acceptance, complimentary tickets to awards event where recipient is being honored, one-year TAPPI membership

Where presented: At an appropriate annual TAPPI conference

This award recognizes Young Professionals employed in the global forest products, pulp, paper, tissue, packaging, and associated industries for their contributions in the following areas: Leadership, Community Service, and Problem Solving Contributions to Scientific or Engineering Projects.

Nominee's Qualifications

Eligible nominees can be up to age 35 and must have no more than 10 years of industry experience. (Undergraduate students are not eligible for this award.) Nominees must be TAPPI members.

Click [here](#) for online nomination.

TAPPI Journal Best Research Paper Award and Honghi Tran Best Paper Prize

Approved by: TJ Editorial Director

Nominated by: Members of the TJ Editorial Board

Nomination deadline: January 20 of year subsequent to the calendar year's papers under evaluation

Type of Award: Plaque for author and certificates for co-authors, plus \$2,000 Honghi Tran TAPPI Journal Best Paper Prize.

Where presented: At an appropriate annual TAPPI conference

TAPPI awards annually the *TAPPI Journal* Best Research Paper Award for a technical paper published in *TAPPI Journal* (*TJ*). The purpose of the award is to encourage the publication of important research efforts that significantly increase the understanding and application of processes and products of the forest products industry. The *TJ* Editorial Director oversees the award process.

Each member of the *TJ* Editorial Board may nominate one paper that has appeared in *TJ* during the current calendar year. Papers selected should be from among those for which the Editorial Board member has been assigned peer review, however; Editorial Board members may nominate any paper published in the calendar year. The Editorial Board then evaluates the nominated papers for innovation, creativity, scientific merit, and clear and concise writing.

Scholarships

William L. Cullison Scholarship

Approved by: William L. Cullison Scholarship Committee

Nominated by: Self nomination; completion of nomination form, current transcript, three letters of recommendation required

Exclusions: Candidates must be entering either their junior or senior undergraduate academic year of studies.

Nomination deadline: February 15

Type of Award: *\$2,000 per semester until graduation* (maximum award is \$8,000), one-year TAPPI membership as soon as the winner is employed in the industry.

Where presented: At an appropriate annual TAPPI conference.

Believing strongly that today's students are tomorrow's leaders, the Foundation endowed the William L. Cullison Scholarship fund in honor of TAPPI's fifth Executive Director, an extraordinary industry leader. Attracting talented young people to future careers in the pulp and paper, corrugated container, or polymers, laminations, adhesives, coatings, and extrusion industries is the cornerstone to building a highly skilled workforce and a technically advanced industry. This scholarship provides an inviting incentive for students entering their third year of college to pursue an academic path related to this vital work.

Click [here](#) for online nomination.

Certificates of Appreciation/Membership Anniversaries

Individual Member Golden Anniversary

Individuals who complete 50 years of service with the Association automatically receive Golden Anniversary pins, a certificate, and a letter from the President and CEO. The pin, certificate, and letter are mailed to the recipient at the same time each year. In addition, 50- year members are listed in the program book for TAPPI Conference or another appropriate event and on TAPPI's website.

Sustaining Member Golden Anniversary

Sustaining Member companies who complete 50 years of service with the Association also receive special Golden Anniversary plaques acknowledging their 50 years of support of TAPPI. The TAPPI President or Chair of the Board customarily makes the presentation during a TAPPI Conference or some other appropriate event

Questions should be directed to awards@tappi.org or:

(770) 446-1400

1-800-332-8686 (toll-free US)

1-800-446-9431 (toll-free Canada)