



## Texas Chapter John Roark Young Leader Award

- Purpose** To recognize and encourage young APWA members who have demonstrated an initial commitment to the profession and the association and show potential for future growth within the association. The award promotes the concept that length of career does not necessarily indicate leadership abilities or potential for service.
- Eligibility** Candidates must be active members of APWA for five consecutive years and not exceed 35 years of age as of the deadline of the award submittal. Please include candidate's birth date in nomination materials. The candidates must have demonstrated an ability and eagerness to act at the chapter or branch level and/or national by serving on committees, as an officer, heading projects, participating in programs or contributing in general to the well-being of the chapter.
- Selection** The Award winner is selected by the Awards Committee. Submissions are limited to ten pages. The ten pages do not include a letter of introduction from the chapter/nominator.
- Applications should address the following specific criteria, which will be evaluated in the selection process:
- Describe significant contributions to the nominee's employer—provide specific examples where the nominee implemented new ideas, overcame problems, controlled costs, etc.
  - Identify the nominee's leadership roles—provide specific examples where the nominee helped to advance the cause of the public works profession either with leadership commitments to significant community projects, as an advocate for public works issues at the legislative level in local, state, or federal governments, or chapter leadership. Provide information on awards received
  - Demonstrate an ongoing commitment to continuing education in the public works field (i.e., related educational degree(s), attendance at workshops, seminars, or CEU credits, etc.)—provide specific examples of continuing education completed or classes led by the nominee
  - Explain the commitment to advancing sustainability—provide specific information related to the nominee's involvement in promoting sustainability within the profession.
- Nomination Process** Nominations may be made by a Branch, APWA entity, or individual APWA members.
- Presentation** The award winner(s) are recognized at the Awards ceremony during the Texas chapter Annual Public Works Conference.
- National Award** Winner will also be automatically submitted by the Chapter for the APWA Myron Calkins Young Leader of the Year.