

Call for Nominations

The Gustavus John Esselen Award for Chemistry in the Public Interest

The Northeastern Section (NESACS) is inviting nominations for its prestigious Gustavus John Esselen Award for Chemistry in the Public Interest. This award is given annually to a chemical scientist, whose scientific and technical work has contributed to the public well-being and has thereby communicated the positive values of the chemical profession. The significance of this work should have become apparent within the five years preceding nomination. The awardee shall be a living resident of the United States or Canada at the time of the nomination.

There is no limitation to the field of chemistry. This award differs from other ACS awards because the selection committee focuses on the general public recognition of the work but also considers its scientific/technical significance.

The Award consists of a bronze medal and the sum of \$5,000. Travel expenses incidental to the conferring of the award will be reimbursed. The award will be presented at the April 2011 meeting of the Section. The Awardee is expected to deliver an address related to the work for which the honor is conferred, but it should be oriented toward why it is in the public interest and for an audience with limited knowledge of the specific field.

Nominations should be submitted as a single pdf file including: 1) a letter signed by the primary sponsor with a description of how the nominee's work has been recognized as making a major contribution to the public welfare and as communicating positive values of the chemical profession, plus the names of two co-sponsors; 2) short supporting co-sponsor statements; 3) the nominee's professional biography including a list of no more than ten of the nominee's publications selected for their pertinence to the work nominated for recognition; and 4) copies of popular and technical press news or feature articles indicative of public benefit and interest. Further information is available at www.nesacs.org.

Nominations Are Due October 15, 2010 to obermayer@alum.mit.edu with cc to piper281@verizon.net. Award recipients will be notified by February 1, 2011.

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